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# GROUNDWORK FOR FASCISM

America has taken step one of Fascism relatively calmly. Amidst a few murmers of "death of freedom of the press", the fascist power structure, formerly condoned and supported by the mass media, has turned on its former lap-dogs. Needless to say the mass media and the Chicago power structure have never gotten along to well. The relationship was similar to that of a banker and a whore with the media doing all the flat-backing. But alas the floosies have been kicked out of the bed, and with memories of the last "convention" beating fresh in their memories, they have remained, in the main, dutifully silent.

The mass media has not been able nor seen fit to defend the Constitution when it is applied to members of the Black Panther Party, S.D.S., The Young Lords, Los Siete de la Raza, Ahmed Evans, and a multitude of other "negative elements"(It is neither a secret nor a surprise that news coverage of the years of repression has been more concerned with profit than truth.). It is a strange paradox or a cruel joke that now the "Constitution" offers no aid or help to those who did not defend it. With the arrest Friday of nine newsmen in Chicago for allegedly violating the picture taking-broadcasting ban, the Federal Government proved that freedom of the press is at best a some-time thing depending on the whims of the ruling class. Strange how most papers, radio, and T.V. stations found this blatant act of fascism only of secondary importance, if any at all. The fact that "it could never happen in America" was not debated pro or con; the fact that this "ban" was formerly confined to "Nazi Germany" or "racist South Africa" was also easily ignored.

This failure of the human senses in men, who have professional reputations for being sharp, can only be viewed as cowardice or complicity. While this same "profession" failed to give proper context to their own miserable plight, they were on their jobs when it came time to spread "approved" government-issue lies about the Black Panther Party, The Young Lords, and the Young Patriots allegedly "awaiting a load of machine guns", that everyone (F.B.I, C.I.A., State and City pigs) seemed to know about, except the so-called "suspects". They were also quite skillful in seeing to that this news was broadcast everywhere but Chicago.

This was compounded by the fact that:

1. They failed to give any cry of alarm when our Chairman, Bobby Seale was kidnapped in an obvious frame-up attempt.

2. They failed to give scope or context to the Berkeley Pig Department's admitted plan to raid the National Headquarters of the Black Panther Party, with no survivors intended.

3. In recent months there has been an escalation of terror, murder, raids, and lies on the Black Panther Party, and the news media has been relatively silent. There were no cries of a "credibility gap" as there had been in Viet Nam. No cries of the Government stifling the news were to be heard.

THE CHICAGO SET-UP

The fact that there have been three raids on Panther homes in Chicago in the last three weeks and one Panther (Larry Roberson) murdered, has almost totally eluded the sharp-eyed, keen-nosed news beagles. Also the fact that in all these raids weapons were seized, has likewise escaped the stalwart defenders of "the American way". This is no easy task since some of those raids were daylight raids, and involved as many as 75 uniformed, oinking, Fascist Pigs, with helicopters flying close-air support while pigs ran amuck. As of press time, the last Panther home raided was Bob Rush's (Dep. Minister of Defense for the state of Illinois) at 6 o'clock Saturday morning (September 21st). The pigs allegedly had a warrant for Bob Rush's arrest, but he wasn't home so they ripped off his gun, and left. Since then Bob Rush has functioned in the community as usual, but Daley's fascists seem to have lost or forgotten their "warrant."

These events should be viewed in light of the fact the "alleged" machine-guns are about to arrive at any moment; the Illinois National Guard (as fine a bunch of racists as ever lived) is on stand-by; unlike the Convention, this time the mass media has been effectively-hobbled, blinded, and silenced; the "dissedents" have been effectively disarmed. The only ones who know about any shipment of arms, are the pigs and the pig-controlled media; the media-pig coalition has already hinted that the plan of the "dissedents" may include seizing the Pentagon; and you have the ground-work and the alibi for a massive St. Valentine's Day Massacre by fascist pigs posing as "servants of the people."

If any of those "Clark Kent" types has the guts of a mustard seed, they will write of Pig Daley in terms reserved for Hess, Himler, Eichman, and Co., but they would still be dying. A plot as monsterous and massive as this should not be alluded to a brain as small as Daley's, not even by the most chicken-hearted of so-called newsmen.

The plot to destroy the Black Panther Party, and thereby crush the whole movement of dissent is directed by Tricky-Dick Nixon, and his number one hatchet man, Attorney General John Mitchell. Under their direction a federal task force set-up "to keep an eye on the Panthers", has inflicted a reign of terror and lies upon the Black Panther Party from coast to coast.

It is no surprise to the Black Panther Party that "it (Fascism) has happened here", the only question is, "how long will the people put up with it?"

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Masai Hewitt,
Minister of Education
Black Panther Party



*"MASAI" HEWITT-MINISTER OF EDUCATION, B.P.P.*

# CONFRONTATION WITH K.C. LIGHT COMPANY

Black people in general have always been confronted with the dilemma of being "In the dark" for some 400 years now, but the citation for the situation that happened to the people of this community goes to the Kansas City Power & Light Company.

Within the confines of the concentration camp called the Wayne Minor Projects, the poor, oppressed people in that area were subjected to being without lights for 22 hours.

This critical period of time created a catastrophe and chaos among the masses of people, which resulted in a spontaneous reaction and caused the people to move on the Light company.

The people became aware of this fascist act to immobilize the people and restrict their activities, because it was very clear that this was just a test, to see whether a large part of the black masses could be contained and confined, so that the power structure with its fascist troops could be employed at any time to repress any resistance.

After trying to get repeated communication connections, the people came to the conclusion that a face to face confrontation was the only solution.

Organizing en masse, they formed a peoples march on the Kansas City Power and Light Company. They marched down town in protest and were not hindered by any resistance from the racist pigs.

When they were in the process of marching the pigs were oinking to the Light company that the brothers and sisters were on their way. The march was led by a young revolutionary by the name of Verdell Ford. This brother was only 11 years old, but he had the spirit of a true revolutionary by leading his brothers and instilling in them the fact that there is but one way to get action and that was to move.

When they arrived at the company, one of the vice-presidents met the crowd at the door. He informed them that he was sorry, but the brothers and sisters related to him that being sorry did not keep their food from spoiling and babies without milk, or people becoming overcome from the heat and hunger.

These buildings stand some 10 stories high, and approximately 3,000 men, women and children, and a number of infants, newborn, were affected by this repressive act.

The people began to chant in the lobby of the company, "We want lights!" "We want lights!" One sister who was quite indignant, felt that the power structure was directly involved and told them that no matter how they would conspire to contain the People, that through unity, the people will resist and fight them by any means necessary.

While some of the brothers and sisters were consulting with the heads at the Light company, the Black Panther Party members who were there to help protect the people had a political education class. The members related to the people how our duty is to hold ourselves responsible to the people. Every word, every act and every policy must conform to the people's interests, and if mistakes occur, they must be corrected-- that is what being responsible to the people means.

It is a well-known fact that the people and the people alone, are the motive force in the making of world history, and the masses have boundless creative power.

When the people realized that they have the power and were showing this power by uniting in one force to overcome their difficulties, the heads at the Power and Light company submitted to their demands...and at the same time offered restitution for any food substance that was destroyed.

During the discussions with the heads of the company, some of the children became thirsty from the long march and decided to get water from one of the water fountains open to the public inside the lobby. Pigs, who had entered and stationed themselves around the lobby, thought it would be too human of them if the children were to quench their thirst. So, in their usual satirical manner, they turned off the water fountains on the lower level. This did not stifle their efforts to obtain water, they proceeded to the second level and were confronted with the running gesticulating lackeys of the pig department. The children were then escorted by the Panthers up the steps and proceeded to the water fountains, and thirst was satisfied.

There was not a squeak out of the pigs, because they know that the people would retaliate and no technology of the power structure could stop that force.

The protest started about 11:00 and by 2:30 that afternoon the people were with lights again and a commitment for restoration for the loss of food.

The people of this decadent, fascist system can see that the people of the oppressed classes are educating themselves and putting into practice such theories as Marxist-Leninism and quotations based upon this theory such as: "Weapons are an important factor in wars, but not the decisive factor; it is people, not things, that are decisive. The contest of strength is not only a contest of military and economic power, but also a contest of human power and morale. Military and economic power is necessarily wielded by the people!"

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Sister Andre Weatherby, Communications Secy.
Kansas City Chapter,
Black Panther Party

# EDITORIAL POLICY

*DEAR SIR:*

*We are rather distraught reading your article on South Africa in your issue of July 26, an article which we feel, is based on insufficient knowledge and information of the struggle in Southern Rhodesia and South Africa..*

*Sincerely,*

*American Friends of the ANC & Zapu*
*Eleanor Eisner*

*P.S. We ask you to accept, with our compliments, a subscription to Sechaba for one year.*

*EDITORIAL STATEMENT*

*It has become quite evident that most American publications and news agencies adhere to publication techniques common to newspapers and journals published in capitalist societies.*

*Lies, distortions, intentional omissions, quoting-out-of-context, and incorrect paraphrasing are common techniques in profit-oriented publications. The Black Panther Party has been the continued victim of journalistic "pimping and pandering" since its inception. As a political party actively engaged in the survival and liberation struggle of our people, we know from direct experience the harm done by this type of "news reporting". Needless to say, after three years as victim of such backward tendencies, the Black Panther Party has no desire to become the perpetrator of the same madness.*

*The publication and agencies guilty of these "sins-against-the-people" fit no single category. Many are "Black," and many are "White." Some claim to be political. A couple claim to be religious." But all are guilty of being "people pimps."*

*Many events of world-wide importance have been so misrepresented that liberation struggles have been made to look like race riots, revolutionary movements have been made to look like religious movements, and freedom fighters have been made to look like "bandits" or "fanatics." In the interest of truth and correct political perspective, the Black Community News Service (published by the Black Panther Party) will attempt to give its readers the views and positions of the oppressed people, freedom fighters, and revolutionaries of the world in their own words.*

*We know from our own experience that no one can depict a struggle better than those who are actively engaged in that struggle. We know that most people (Black and White) who would write about a struggle (while avoiding any direct involvement) could never really understand that or any struggle.*

*As an additional service to our readers, we will make every effort possible to share with you, sources of information that we know to be representative of actual conditions. As they become known to us, we will make available to you addresses for obtaining the official organs, newsletters, and other publications published by various revolutionary liberation movements around the world. Our motive is "duty" and our aim is "perspective" and "solidarity". As for "originality" and/or "profit", later for it! We have no desire to pass off "bits and pieces" of the truth, as fact. Bulls--t is no barrier to fascist genocide. Your suggestions and criticism will be welcomed.*

*ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE*

# WHO'S NEXT?

Relatively few Americans would be inclined to believe that in this country a group that seriously challenges the status-quo could be systematically harrassed, its properties destroyed and its leaders gunned down in the streets or shipped off to the American version of Siberia, the jail. And all in this is not the work of criminals in gangs or mob warfare but by what we call government. Most of us would think of this as normal in a Germany under Nazism, an Italy under fascism or a Haiti or Spain under a dictatorship. But not in our America under a democracy. In regards to the Black Panther Party that has led a veteran Chicago police reporter to say: "I can't remember in my entire career witnessing the quantity nor the quality of repressive force unleashed against the Black Panthers. I don't think it is all a matter of national conspiracy, though I believe this is certainly a part of it. I think this





massive repression also results from the naked fear many policemen have of the Panthers. They want to do them in as a kind of self-defense measure".

Simply identifying the organization may have already caused many of you to conclude that it deserves this treatment. You already know from your news media, from such stupid statements of assumed responsible people like J Edgar Hoover who singled out the Panthers as being among Black militant organizations the "greatest threat to the internal security of the country"; in fact, you know from your own ignorance about, and lack of association with the Panthers that they are a Black "extremist, militant and radical organization out to violently overthrow our country."

Thus, the Justice Department through the F.B.I , can lead daylight raids on the Panther headquarters in Chicago and Oakland. This same department could only persecute murders of civil rights workers, which included, law-enforcement men, on charges of conspiring to violate their civil rights. The same F.B.I. could only have their men standing around taking notes as peaceful Black demonstrators are brutally attacked, beaten and stomped. Thus, in Oakland, the police can shoot down Panthers in the street; in New York, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Des Moines, etc., they can arrest Panthers and keep them incarcerated under ridiculously high bail on charge for which no evidence is brought forth and in Chicago they can burn down; and in Newark shoot up Panther headquarters. Meanwhile, in Alabama young Black teenagers can be given twelve year sentences for burning down a K.K.K. headquarters.

Obviously this is not to imply a comparison between the Black Panthers and the Ku Klux Klan. Similarities exist only in the imagination of the type of person who is being very liberal by asking me to condemn the Panthers while they condemn, verbally, of course, the Klan. Unlike the Klan who is out to suppress Black people under the banner of White supremacy, the Panthers are out to liberate people. Unlike the Klan whose only tool is violence and that in behalf of oppression, violence for the Panther is only a means of self-defense against oppression. They have a complete program calling for freedom, education, employment, housing, political and civic responsibilities.



Right now in many of our cities, they are serving breakfasts to thousands of children. In California alone, this endeavor has reached over five thousand children, which led Jesse Unrich to point out, "it's more than the government feeds". When the Klan gives a child a loaf of bread, it's time for a celebration.

What we are pointing out is that all Americans stand to loses if



the "legal" conspiracy and adjuncts against the Panthers is allowed to continue. Repression generally tends to breed repression. Whites may soon be enjoying the same. It's too soon to forget that people, good people in Germany, Italy, Spain and Haiti, permitted the same kind of thing, the labeling of organizations the status-quo which labeling "justified" their brutal suppression. When they woke up, it was too late. They had all been suppressed.

Rev. Lawrence E. Lucas

# THE RACIST HANGMAN

*FROM WORKERS' WORLD*

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

When Richard Nixon delivered his acceptance speech at the Miami Republican Convention last year he immediately issued this warning to the Afro-American nation and to the rebellious, anti-war youth movement:

"If we are to restore order and respect for law in this country, there's one place we're going to begin. We're going to have a new Attorney General of the United States."

The black people, and anyone else with thoughts of rebellion and liberation, were put on notice that there was going to be a new "Chief of Police," a new administrator and overseer of the repressive capitalist state apparatus.

For this job of crushing the rebellion in the very heartland of U.S. imperialism, Nixon chose someone who was close to the inner circles of U.S. imperialism. John Mitchell, said the bourgeois press at the time of his appointment as Attorney General, had no previous experience in partisan politics. But he didn't need any. Mitchell went straight from Wall Street to Washington.

He went to the seat of the capitalist government with enormous connections as a Wall Street lawyer with both politicians and high financial circles alike. This man, previously unknown to the mass of the American people, carried with him a mandate from the ruling class — a demand for "law and order."

## Mitchell's Infamous Record

The story now goes that Mitchell is the strong man in the Nixon Cabinet, that the President consults him on a wide range of national and international subjects (Mitchell works with the National Security Council and is briefed by the CIA daily) and regards his opinions as very valuable. But it is not simply that Mitchell has Nixon's ear. Wall Street owns both of them and dictates the policies they jointly follow.

It is true, however, that as chief hangman for the capitalist class in the Justice Department, Mitchell plays a key role in the primary task of repression on the home front. The list of his infamous deeds is already long:

Mitchell was the architect of the fascist preventive detention bill for the District of Columbia; his department drew up a reactionary voting rights bill which would hinder black voting in the South; under his direction the Nixon Administration gave racist school districts a reprieve on desegregation; he is responsible for an expansion of wiretaps on domestic groups labeled "subversive" and is planning a beefing up of the secret police — the FBI.

It was Mitchell who approved the prosecution of the Chicago 8 after the demonstration against the National Democratic Convention; he had advocated extremely repressive measures against student and anti-war activists; and to top off the campaign of terror, Mitchell personally ordered the FBI to keep a close "surveillance" over the Black Panther Party. This order in fact was the initiation of a murderous attack on the black organization, the frame-up of almost the entire leadership and the continued harassment of Panther members.

To add to these nefarious deeds, Mitchell is also said to be responsible for the selection of Spiro Agnew as Nixon's Vice President and for the carrying out of the so-called "Southern strategy" — the campaign tactic used by Nixon to win the rabid racist and reactionary vote from Wallace. When confronted by the accusation that he devised the Southern strategy, Mitchell cynically replied (in the words of Barry Goldwater) that all the Nixon forces did was to "go hunting where the ducks are."

## From Wall Street Lawyer to Bosses' Hangman

John Mitchell's law career began in the 1930's when he went to work for the Wall Street law firm of Caldwell & Raymond. He became an expert at municipal bonding which put him in contact with politicians and all the major figures in bonding, financial underwriting and investment banking in the country. He traveled widely as the intermediary between states that wanted to float bonds and the bankers who would put up the money.

This experience put Mitchell in contact with the inner circles of the ruling class and their governmental servants. So it was not really surprising that Nixon chose him to organize the election campaign. Mitchell was the supreme capitalist politician (though the press touted him as an inexperienced layman). He knew just who to talk to and how to bribe the right people. In this way he organized over a dozen states for Nixon and was instrumental in getting the nomination.

(Nixon had met Mitchell around 1966 through their law practices. The two law firms merged on January 1, 1967 into Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, Alexander and Mitchell.)

A joke is circulating in the bourgeois press (emanating undoubtedly from the imperialist liberals who are smarting under Mitchell's rule) that the unsmiling Attorney General will lower the temperature of any room he walks into. But, as Mitchell himself points out, "I don't much care what the press or anyone else says about me." After all, he is not responsible to anyone but the capitalist bosses who put him forward to represent them. And the job of restoring "law and order" in the crumbling imperialist monster is dead serious.

## Civil Rights Head a Racist

To aid in the sharp rightward turn Mitchell has surrounded himself with a group of equally dangerous hangmen whose outstanding qualities are extreme racism and reactionary politics. Here's what Jerris Leonard, the man who is supposed to be the head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights division, sounds like:

"Both John Mitchell and I are pragmatic, 1969 conservatives. We face up to the facts of life as they are. We know civil rights are something the times require." (New York Times Magazine, August 10, 1969) He sounds like a slavemaster conceding defeat after the Civil War. (Under pressure, Leonard regretfully resigned from the all-white Milwaukee Eagles Club after his appointment to the Civil Rights Division.)

The Times article cited above goes on to say that "if John Mitchell still uses the word 'colored' in his conversation, he nonetheless recognized the need to press desegregation suits in the courts."

Mitchell's zeal for desegregation is highly questionable after the administration announced in July an easing of the enforcement of school integration. But whatever "pragmatism" about civil rights Mitchell and his circle of bigots have, it was undoubtedly taught them by the black people of Watts, Detroit, Newark and Chicago when they rose up in rebellion against the oppressive system which Mitchell now personifies.

Another sterling example of the "law enforcers" around Mitchell is Richard Kleindienst, now Deputy Attorney General and former staunch supporter of Barry Goldwater. Kleindienst caused a stir when he candidly told an Atlantic Monthly reporter last spring that "if people demonstrated in a manner to interfere with others, they should be rounded up and put in a dentention camp."

Will Wilson, a Texan appointed to the post of Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division is another fascist-minded tool of the bosses. It was he who signed a memorandum circulated by the Justice Department which urged federal prosecutors to challenge the Supreme Court's Miranda decision forbidding the use of confessions obtained illegally. The new policy, in effect, gives a free hand to cops and DAs to beat confessions out of defendants and produce them as "voluntary" evidence.

Wilson's approach to criminal law is summed up in the statement, "I think if you could get all of them (student protesters) in the penitentiary, you'd stop it."

## Ruling Class Relies on Court Terror

The most dramatic evidence of the ruling class right turn has been in the appointments to the Supreme Court — long adored and sanctified by liberals and bourgeois radicals alike as a bastion of progressive thinking. With the appointment of Warren Burger as Chief Justice, the court is once more the arch reactionary center it has historically been — the place where the ruling class carries out its aims through judicial decree. Mitchell urged Burger's appointment, knowing full well that the man was opposed to almost every basic tenet of U.S. constitutional law — the presumption of innocence, trial by jury, the advocate system and rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment.



**Atty. John Mitchell**

The latest move in the steady march toward open police state tactics is, of course, the appointment of a hard-core segregationist from South Carolina to the Supreme Court. Clement F. Haynesworth, the chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond was nominated by Nixon after consultation with Mitchell. Haynesworth's record of anti-black and anti-labor decisions qualify him, as far as the administration is concerned, for the post in the coming period of reliance on court repression.

It is clear from the prominent position of Mitchell & Co. in governmental strategy that the ruling class hopes to rely heavily on the police and courts to solve their growing problems. As Mitchell put it, the Justice Department "is an institution for law enforcement, not social improvement." But no police terror ever solved the problems of racism, war and poverty in capitalist society, and no court flunkeys ever stopped a revolution!



*THE N.Y. 21, MICHELL'S HANDYWORK*

# TO THE PEOPLE

In this day and age where man has reached such a high level of intelligence and technology there is very little reason or excuse why millions of people should suffer to such a degree that they are suffering.

On the night of August 22nd a young 17 year old sister laid in the streets for over 40 minutes seriously injured waiting for an ambulance. Not an hour before this sister was full of life and facing the world with such determination it would've staggered your imagination. Now she lays in Elmhurst Hospital with bones broken from her neck to her feet. The young sister's name is Barbara Herring. This tragic accident could have been avoided if life-saving devices (traffic lights) had been installed and in such a manner that they reduce the speed of traffic instead of increase the speed in order to increase the flow of the avaricious businessman's merchandise. Northern Blvd., one of the main throughways, is a shooting gallery where the vehicles are the ammunition and the people are the targets. There has been a thorough investigation on the traffic light crisis and the ambulance condition. This automotive genocide cannot be allowed to continue. It is a neglect by the city to install these life-saving devices. The following information was accumulated from the investigation.

1. There has been a petition for a light on the corner of 96th St. and N. Blvd. ever since the early 1960's. In the past year there has been numerous accidents and an unlimited amount of near mishaps. At this same location there has been very little response if any at all from the traffic commission.

2. Several months ago petitions were sent to the Traffic Commissioner in reference to 4 badly needed life-saving devices. There was no response to the petitions so the people came out and peacefully demonstrated. The site of 102nd St. was chosen because two deaths, including a hit and run, had taken place on this corner in the course of 10 days. These demonstrators were met by the very people who are supposed to protect the people in the community-with night-sticks and clubs. Two innocent demonstrators were beaten to the ground and two more were arrested. People who witnessed this said it was an act that they would've expected only from the storm troopers of Adolf Hitler. This was all out FASCISM and POLICE BRUTALITY. Number 7 of the 10 Point Program of the Black Panther Party states: "We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people."

Police brutality or open fascism under the heading of "Law and Order," must be exposed along with their perpetrators.

Immediate action must be taken to see that the basic needs and desires of the people are met before the government squanders the people's money in profit making enterprises abroad (this relates back to #2 and #4 of the 10 Point Program of the Black Panther Party).

The basic needs and desires of the people must be met and if it wasn't for the misappropriation of the people's money (tax money) the basic needs and desires could be met in earnest. To combat the neglect of the people by the government an organization was formed in October 1966 by a brother named Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale, co-founder of the organization. The organization has set out to meet the needs and desires of the people. Both of these brothers have been incarcerated along with many others, including 21 brothers and sisters in New York. A system that would prevent brothers and sisters from helping all mankind to achieve these basic needs regardless of race is a system that has something to hide from the people (which is the exploitation and oppression that is needed so a class society can survive in the U.S.).

A race to the moon that costs the people 83 billion dollars is a useless endeavor as long as people remain hungry, unclothed and miseducated. Millions of dollars are being pounded into foreign profit-making businesses (like the war in Vietnam) while the very life-saving devices are being neglected and the budgets are steadily being cut here at home.

In Queens alone where there is a population of over 2,000,000 people there is a maximum of 17 city ambulances to service them. This isn't even matching the ratio of deaths, illnesses and accidents that happen in the borough daily. Mr. Brown, District Hospital Inspector, stated that at least 30-35 ambulances are needed in Queens alone to give the people any type of adequate service, and 30-35 ambulances would still be a small drop in the bucket. This problem has been existing for over two years and there has been no plan set down to combat this crisis. The budget has been cut by approximately 2 million dollars. This is attributed to Mayor Lindsay and Gov. Rockefeller and the City Council who control the city budget. So the problem stems not because of a money shortage but because of lack of proper administration and concern for the welfare of the people.

The people are tired of empty campaign promises and empty promises period. They are now dealing in objective reality and objective reality is adequate life-saving devices and meeting their basic needs and desires.

Because it is the people and only the people who are the motive force in the making of world history. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE, because the true power is in the hands of the people. So let's deal with the problem on this level because the people want answers from those who they have appointed to sit in the people's office. Let's undress these demogogic politicians. Let's undress them and bring them to the mercy of the people, because our questions have gone unanswered for too long now and we want answers combined with action! For too long the people have wondered is this a democratic government made up of the people, by the people and for the people! But it is a fact that this racist government is made up of the pigs, by the pigs, and for the pigs!

So let's call a spade a spade and a pig a pig and deal with the situation on a plane that will gain all people their freedom and power to determine the destiny of their own oppressed community!

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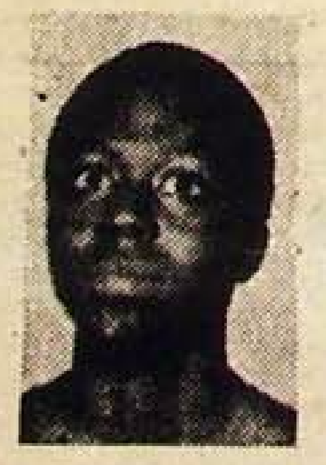
Black Panther Party, N.Y. Chap., Queens Branch, Corona Section

# LETTER FROM AFENI N.Y. 21

Afeni O. Shakur
Women's House of Detention
August 22, 1969

All Power to the People!

Yesterday brought news of the oppressor's most recent attack on the Black Panther Party - the kidnap of Chairman Bobby Seale. It is a very sad thing to admit that for most of my life I believed in this system. Now I see an all out attack on everything the people try to constructively undertake. The Black Panther Party undertook to initiate (along with the people in the many colonies across Babylon) a Free Bree Breakfast Program for Children. It was done, not as an act of charity or as a token, but because we recognize that the needs of the people must be met. If a child has not had an



AFENI SHAKUR

adequate diet, we do not expect him to learn according to his potential. He's hungry, baby, and the only thing he's concerned with is eating. The only part of the problem (14 apples plus 2 apples equals ?) he's concerned with are the apples; later for the numbers. So, the Black Panther Party went forth and established a Free Breakfast Program, thus helping to meet the needs of the people.

The Black Panther Party also recognized that most of us walk around with some sort of a vitamin deficiency. We walk around sick with tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia and a lot of less awesome diseases. The point is that because of the condition of public health services we do not receive adequate treatment. Once more the Black Panther Party goes forth to meet the everyday needs of the people. Free Health Clinics are opening in many of the colonies of Babylon. Some are already opened, equipped with X-ray machines, vitamins, and that equipment which we can afford. (the next time that you hear that the B.P.P. uses said money for guns and to further its aims, remember that). So the Black Panther Party has once more made the oppressor a liar.

When you live directly inside the colony, and you spend most of your time in the colony, you notice a lot of things about your people. We notice, for instance, that children did not know the truth about their people and that they were taught that their forefathers were lazy and subservient. Again the Black Panther Party went forth to answer the needs of the people. Makeshift Liberation Schools were set up, not to replace 'public education but to supplement it. We did not, we cannot wait for the oppressor to give us an education that gives us a true knowledge of self. It never will; it is against his interest. Now we have an educational program that explains about us. Children are not taught hate; rather they are taught love of humanity, respect of oppressed brothers and sisters, and knowledge of our present day relationship to the world.

The worst part of my incarceration is not being able to participate in these revolutionary programs. That's when I start thinking subjectively. But objectively I know that I am playing another role in the struggle; for it has many faces. Sacrifices must be made. The thing is to make all sacrifices meaningful. Everything must be in the interest of the whole. The time for playing revolutionary has past. We must be full time revolutionaries "Know yourself, know you enemy; a hundred battles a hundred victories." Carry on the struggle. When a brother is temporarily removed from the struggle pick up his T E and do his share too. Carry those loads that are heavy. That is your responsibility. See that the struggle is waged in the people's interest.

SOLIDARITY IN STRUGGLE

# LETTER FROM PRISON



JOAN BIRD, N.Y. 21

Power Brothers and Sisters,

We must all recognize and understand that there will be many difficulties in the path of revolution. Therefore, we must all grow stronger each day in mind and spirit. All my love and faith are in you the people. Together we, the people will achieve complete victory. The enemy continues to use their gestapo tactics only enabling the people to recognize that fascism and racism which is embedded in this decadent society. The people are becoming constantly aware of these tactics and are joining together all over the world with the lines of "Revolution". So don't let anything that seems difficult cause despair -- because we expect many obstacles to appear -- we must deal with them at the given time. We must continue to fight until complete victory is won. My people, my people the chains will be broken for "The spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology".

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Joan Bird
womens House of Detention



FRANCINE LACEY

# DISCIPLINE VIOLATED SISTER OUSTED

TO: Central Committee and Field Marshal D.C.

FROM: Deputy Minister of Information Zayd Shakur and Defense Captain Sibpp Sonny Collins

SUBJECT: Expulsion of Francine Lacey (alias Hassin, alias Williams)

Francine Lacey violated the Panther Party rules (numbers 1 and 2) when she smoked marijuana and snorted and skin-popped, "Duji!" The sister claimed that she did this so that she "could hide from the people." No Panther can serve the people if they fear them so much that they have to "hide."

The Black Panther Party is striving to eliminate all of the exploitation of the masses, and dope is one of the larger problems in all oppressed communities. A junky will sell his own mother down the river. And there is no room in the Party for anyone who is not strong enough to resist the oppressor.

Francine Lacey is no longer a representative or a member of the Staten Island Branch of the Black Panther Party. She can no longer speak for this branch. Anyone with questions regarding the Breakfast and/or Medical program should get in contact with the Panther office at 232 Jersey street in New Brighton. Under no circumstances should donations for any Panther program be turned over or delivered to Francine Lacey.

The Black Panther Party is to serve the people. And when we expell persons interested purely in their own individualistic desire or gain, we are serving the people. People often ask why we "kick" people out when we are not strong in membership. We feel that two or three dedicated, functioning people are more effective than twenty non-functional names in our Party's ranks.

All Power to the People
Sonny Collins, Defense Capt.



*PHILADELPHIA FREE BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN*

# SACTO. BREAKFAST

One of the greatest forms of oppression is hunger. Children must be fed and the Free Breakfast for School Children is **another** key to liberation by halting the staunch form of oppression--hunger. One who looks into the face of a hungry child knows that his need is immediate. One can delay an asking face with a cold **heart.** A child does not under**stand** hunger surveys made by the government but can really relate to a full stomach every morning.

The Black Panther Party fed over 20,000 children nationally last year and hopes to feed up to 100,000 this year. Here in Sacramento we hope to feed 2,000 or more children. The first in a series of breakfast programs will be held at the Oak Park United church of Christ, 3308 4th Ave., beginning Monday September 22.

We are again asking the people of Sacramento to donate the necessary food and materials that are needed to carry on a breakfast program. Donations can be sent to 2941 35th St., or call 457-9991. Various attacks on the Party through terror, lies and brutality cannot halt the attempts of the masses of people and the Black Panther Party to initiate programs like the free breakfast all across this nation.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Black Panther Party,
Sacramento Branch

# N.Y. FREE BREAKFAST

The Free Breakfast for School Children begins every morning from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the following locations. Free breakfast is for ALL children. We need volunteers to help us feed the children, we need transportation to pick up the food from the avaricious businessmen. For too long our children have gone hungry--the people CAN and WILL meet their own needs. Support the breakfast program where you live!

HARLEM

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 West 125th Street

Emmaus House
241 East 116th Street

Church at
111th Street & Lexington Ave.

LOWER EAST SIDE

St. Marks in the Bowery
10th Street & Second Avenue

BROOKLYN

Good Shepard Mission
564 Hopkinson (corner of Sutter)

QUEENS

St. Pius Cathedral
106-12 Liverpool Street
Jamaica

WHITE PLAINS

Mt. Lebanon Church
648 Harrison Avenue

Aunt Bessie's
809 South Street

PEEKSKILL

Carver Community Center
85 South Lexington

The breakfast programs listed above are operated by the Black Panther Party, the Young Lords, and th people of the community. New Locations are being added weekly--watch for leaflets in your community. YOU can help to organize new breakfast programs by talking to the ministers and community centers in your area and encourage the people who run the community centers and the ministers to make space available for all of the people. For further information on the breakfast programs in any area you may call 864-8951.

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# FASCISM FASCISM FASCISM FASCISM FASCISM FASCIS

In a desperate attempt to destroy one of the true servants of the people, the reactionary foul pigs of Brooklyn vamped on David Conners, coordinator of the Peoples Free Breakfast Program at 7:30 this morning. (Sept. 9, 1969). Acting in the usual insane manner characteristic of pigs, the worms of the power structure, three of New York's SWINEST forced their way into the apartment of the sister Malika with whom David was staying.

The sister who is a Friend of the Panthers has several Panthers staying at her place. At 7:30 this morning this sister (who was the only one awake) responded to a knock on her door. A nigger plainclothes pig (a pig, is a pig, is a pig) asked for Brother David. The sister said that David wasn't there. The other two pigs (who had been hiding by the staircase) came running out oinking in the sister's face. Malika asked the pigs for a warrant. Of course the low, cowardly jackasses didn't have one.

The sister who is 5 feet, one inch and weighs 95 pounds was pushed up against the wall by one of the big burly, bruisy pigs, while the other two swine ran amuck in her house. After making sure that Brother David was not in the house the scum of society ran out of the house satisfied that their appetite for sadism had been fed so early in the morning.

Meanwhile at the church where the Free Breakfast is held, two cars with pigs in them sat on the corner while another pig car patroled around the block. The pigs were waiting, like the vultures they are, for the first sign of any ripple, so that they (the pigs) could vamp on the people and suck their blood.

Brother David had left the church by this time, and had gone back to the sister's house (unaware of what was going on) to pick up some more food and to wake up the rest of the cadre. As David got out of the car the pigs who had vamped on Malika put handcuffs on David, without identifying themselves.

The slimy reprobates then proceeded to illegally search the people's car. One of the brothers asked the pigs why the car was being searched. The foul animals didn't know. They were acting out of a search and destroy instinct common in all pigs.

Brother David who is now in jail has a $50,000 bail, with trumped up charges of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, attempted armed robbery and possession of an illegal weapon.

We the people are tired of the pigs attempts to destroy programs and brothers and sisters working on programs that truly serve the people.

The Panther Party and all of the programs implemented by the party will survive the vicious attacks made against us by the fascist pigs, because the people are hip to the decadence of America and the people are hip to the fact that the pig power structure is trying to destroy the servants of the people and the programs which serve the people.

The people and the people alone are the motive force in the making of world history (Mao Tse-Tung). And the people are saying "We are hip to your shit, you fascist motherf----r, and for every revolutionary you jail or kill a 100 more of us will rise up and heed the call of REVOLUTION until the fascist dogs of America are surrounded by hundreds and millions of revolutionaries standing upright and the mere sound of our voices will strike terror in your hearts and you will be killed to death."

Despite the arrest of our breakfast coordinator we are still serving an average of eighty children a day, with the help of the community. And we will continue to serve any hungry child that comes to us in the morning at Good Shepard Catholic Mission, 564 Hopkinson Ave.

YOU CAN JAIL THE BREAKFAST COORDINATOR, BUT YOU CAN'T JAIL THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE BREAKFAST
FREE HUEY
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

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Black Panther Party,
Brooklyn Branch

# NLF GIVEN SHREDDED DRAFT FILES

Montreal

Shredded draft board files from the U.S. were presented July 5 to a delegation of women representing the National Liberation Front.

The Vietnamese women met here last week with women from the North American antiwar movement to exchange experiences and report on political developments.

The draft files were presented by Maggie Geddes, the only one of five women who had raided a New York City Selective Service office July 2 who was not arrested at a Rockefeller Center rally the following day.

In delivering the files, Miss Geddes also brought a message from the five women who disrupted the SS office, which said in part: "To our Vietnamese sisters: We wish to affirm the solidarity of our searches for justice and humanness. I have come then, out of respect for your struggle and responsibility for our own. In accepting these file pieces, please share with us the hope that such things as bombers, guns, conscription and oppression will cease to exist for both our peoples."

The three Vietnamese representatives each spoke of the solidarity they felt toward the American antiwar fighters. Embraces and presents were exchanged.



Photo by Dave Wulp

FIGHTING EX-SOLDIER. Andrew Pulley of Ft. Jackson 8, now on speaking tour for GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee.

### *WILLIAMS-DANIELS FREE PENDING APPEAL*

Portsmouth, N.H., Sept. 8- William Harvey and George Daniels, two Black Marines who were sentenced to six and ten years hard labor for "subversion," have been released from the Naval Disciplinary Barracks at Portsmouth, N.H., pending appeal.

Harvey and Daniels were sentenced in December, 1967, after having spent four months in pre-trial confinement. Specifically, the charge was that they had "caused or attempted to cause insubordination, disloyalty and refusal to duty by members of the Armed Forces" because they had allegedly made statements against the Vietnam war.

The imprisonment of the two men was first publicized in the BOND, newspaper of the American Servicemen's Union. When asked about the release of Harvey and Daniels, Andy Stapp, president of ASU stated:

"These two men were framed up by racist Marine officers--the same officers who daily murder the heroic Vietnamese people. The day is coing when it will be men like Harvey and Daniels who run the military instead of the racist Pentagon Brass."

taken from the BOND, The Servicemen's Newspaper

# RESERVATION SENTENCE FOR ANTI-DRAFTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Donald H. Bitsie has decided to spend five years on probation on the Navajo Reservation—rather than two years in federal prison—for refusing to be drafted.

U. S. Dist. Court Judge Lloyd H. Burke gave the choice Wednesday to Bitsie, 25, who contended during his trial that as a Navajo he was exempt from Selective Service.

A jury has ruled in January that an 1868 treaty between the United States and the Navajo tribe didn't apply to the war in Vietnam. Such treaties usually recognized Indian tribes as independent nations.

Bitsie's attorney, Barbara Wagner, asked the judge to modify his condition so that Bitsie could spend the five years with Indians in Oakland.

"No, he is a Navajo, claiming rights as a Navajo, he wants to be a Navajo, he wants to live under Navajo rules and regulations, he wants to conform to all that he believes is appropriate to him," the judge replied.

"He will have to live on the reservation." Bitsie left the reservation five years ago and came to Oakland.

# FAMILY SUES FOR GI GRAVE

Birmingham, Ala. (AP)--

The widow and mother of a Birmingham Negro killed in action in Vietnam charged in a federal court suit that they were not allowed to bury him in a large private cemetery, Elmwood.

The suit, a class action, was filed in U S District Court Friday By Mrs. Bill H. Terry Jr., 16; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jimmie Lee Terry, and Blevin Stout.

The women said they were denied the right to buy a grave site in which to bury 20-year-old Bill Terry, who was killed July 3 while on a search-and-destroy mission in Vietnam. Stout said that in a separate instance, he was not allowed to buy a site at Elmwood.

The complaint said that Terry, before going to Vietnam, told his wife and mother that if anything happened to him, he wanted to be buried in Elmwood.

The body was returned to Birmingham with a military escort, the complaint said, "and the military, learning of the deceased's wish to be buried at the Elmwood Cemetery, was taken there by them in the company of the mother and wife".

The request was made to buy a grave site, the suit claimed, the request was denied by the manager saying it could not be honored because the cemetery has not been opened up to Negroes.

Terry was buried in a Negro cemetery July 19.

# Panther leader's release urged

**Special to the Daily World**

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, Sept. 10 — The National Congress of Sierra Leone Women has called on the U.S. Department of Justice to help secure the "immediate release" of Bobby Seale, Black Panther leader, or that the bond posted for Seale be honored.

The views of the Sierra Leone women's organization were contained in a resolution addressed to the U.S. Government over the signatures of Mrs. P. Gibson-Bucknor, secretary, and Miss Delma Dove-Edwin, assistant secretary of the working committee.



The resolution described the imprisonment of Seale as "inhuman." It said that the setting of $25,000 bail for Seale was "itself an undue process of the law" and expressed regret that the bond posted by Seale's friends was not accepted.

The Women's Congress said that "a lot of the goodwill and admiration which it and the people of Sierra Leone have for the United States Government and people, will be less if Mr. Seale is not released forthwith."

The resolution was addressed to the U.S. Ambassador in Sierra Leone and to the U.S. State Department.

# PEOPLE OF BABYLON

The United States of America has developed from being a colony of Great Britain into the richest, most powerful and hated nation on the planet earth. She has taken capitalism one step further and developed it into the highest stage -imperialism-and thereby has earned herself the title "the mother of imperialism".

In whatever America does she has to surpass other nations and this is manifested in her achievements. The most current is the surpassing of the tactics used by Hitler in Nazi Germany, where the rights of the individual are unheard of. This is manifested in the repression being launched against the Black Panther Party. However, as these tactics become more overt the consciousness of the American people seem to retard, and as fascism gains a stronghold the people become stupified.

The fascist pigs have been given their orders to wipe out the Black Panther Party by whatever means necessary and this order is being implemented by murders, kidnappings and railroading people behind bars.

Target number one is of course the leadership. Having jailed Huey P. Newton, they forced Eldridge Cleaver into exile and are now concentrating on the extinction of Chairman Bobby Seale.

On August 19th the Gestapo pigs kidnapped Bobby Seale and imprisoned him on trumped up charges of illegal flight to avoid prosecution. The pigs' hooves could not hold this one down and Chairman Bobby Seale was granted bail. He was then re-arrested by the local pigs who oinked that they were holding him for the Connecticut authorities on some trumped up murder charge. This charge was supposedly based on the evidence supplied by a turn-coat renegade lunactic FBI agent whose evidence could not stand up in any court, not even fascist America.

The extradiction order from Connecticut was not forthcoming and the pigsrealized they had slipped. Earlier, as a result of the Chicago Democratic Convention massacre, Chairman Bobby Seale had been indicted on another trumped-up charge of conspiracy. This case is due to be heard in Chicago on September 24. On September 12, without any warning the pigs announced that they had transferred Bobby Seale to Chicago to await trail. This was twelve days before the case was due to commence.

The mystery that surrounds the whereabouts of Bobby Seale is so ludicrous and so serious that one realizes that America is definitely ahead of Nazi Germany. On September 17, the Authorities were legally requested in Chicago to make the whereabouts of Bobby Seale public. The pattern is now diaphanous and the red lights have been signalling for some time. They have now stopped. We should not kid ourselves that it is impossible. The so-called United States exists because of the genocide of 50 million North American Indians and people have been so brainwashed that they have romanticized this fact and refer to it as "Cowboys and Indians". In another few years will there be television programs on "Niggers and Pigs?".

The USA is the richest country in the world, yet 20 million people are starving. Having lost the war in Vietnam, the demagogic politicians are now waging an internal war. All efforts are being concentrated against the Black Panther Party because the Party says - we are entitled to the rights of all human beings, i.e. land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, peace and the power to determine our own destinies.

The rest of the world looks at America perplexed. They are unable to comprehend the reaction or lack of reaction on the part of the people in the USA. The Black Panther Party having made it clear that it understands that this is primarily a class struggle, that racial hatred has been strengthened to keep the classes more firmly separated, has gained the respect, and solidarity of the Europeans, who having lived through two World Wars, understand fully the meaning of fascism. They see very clearly the danger of American capital in their countries and know they are on the way to losing their identities once again if they do not resist.

The people of Asia, Latin America and Africa see the fight in the USA as being intertwined with their own. They understand fully that as long as the USA keeps a certain class of her people colonized they are unable to achieve their liberation completely.

It is now necessary for us to understand that this is a world proletarian revolution. Since American imperialism encompasses all of the planet earth and has now gone to the moon, the Black Panther Party and the various Liberation Fronts are all waging one and the same struggle. The only form of nationalism worth cultivating today is revolutionary nationalism. Once we have understood this we will comprehend totally the meaning of Chairman Mao's words - "Workers of the World Unite".

This is a revolution and revolutionaries must be prepared to fight, to be jailed, exiled and to die. The Black Panther Party in being the Vanguard of the American revolution, has given the people time. Time during which the consciousness of the people should be heightened; but time is running out. The murders and imprisonments of our brothers and sisters should not be in vain. For all bootlicking renegades and running dogs - Later for you - your time will come. Power must and will come back where it belongs - in the hands of the expolited people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
SEIZE THE TIME



# GIs AND REVOLUTION

Black people and the Black Panther Party are bearing the full consequences of fascist American democracy. The daily heightening contradictions clearly expose to the people (as shown in San Francisco's Mayor, "Mafioso Alioto") the corruption, bankruptcy and hypocrisy of this fascist pig government. The outright hunger, and subtle chronic malnutrition as seen in the faces of Black ghetto youths, the erosion and disappearance of the rights supposedly guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, the increased dehumanization and exploitation of the workers, the rapidly declining standard and quality of living, the increased rabid attacks upon White desenters, Black people, and the Black Panther Party, as was most recently evident in the August 19th, kidnapping of our Chairman Bobby Seale, are but a few clear and concrete examples of what this fascist government represents at home.

Today in order to wage a stronger struggle against this fascist pig government, we the people and the Black Panther Party need the continued support from brothers who have served in the fascist military machine. We need the skills, the technical know-how you possess. We need information dealing with tactics, training and intelligence. We need techinical equipment. Technical equpment includes everything from weapons to medical supplies, doctors, etc. In the Liberation Army all the skills and knowledge you possess will be utilized against this fascist pig power structure, and for the people.

The people and the Party are sick and tired of hearing the lame cop-out, and the "Don't worry brother I'll be there when the shit falls." How many murders, unjust imprisonments, and exploitation do Black people have to indure before the rest of you ex-GIs move to join the liberation struggle. Where do you ex-GIs draw the line? What is your breaking point? Do you draw the line at your door when you and your family have been totally isolated? Or are you one of those crazy enough to believe that what happened to the Jews in Europe, the Indians in America and what is happening to our brothes and sisters in the colonialized and neo-colonialized sections of Africa and what is happening to the brothers down the block, is not going to involve you and your family.

Black Panther Party Minister of defense Huey P. Newton has stated that all the skills, knowledge, and even your very lives belong to the people. You worked in, and fought for the fascist military of this racist thieving government in defense of "the American way of life", and now you owe the people."

The American way of life means for the fascist ruling circles the unrestricted right to plunder the earth, and to enslave the people. For all Black and Third World Peoples, "the American way of life", in its essence means suffering and dying. For the exploited White working class, it means suffering and dehumanization. Misguided brothers who have fought to tighten the chains around the necks of all oppressed people have a sacred duty. That duty is to break the chains of exploitation and racism by any means necessary. To dare to strike this fascist country and help bring about a new age. Only when this duty has been fulfilled, only when Africa an all overseas Africans including Blacks in fascist America, have been freed from the murderous clutches of the fascist imperialism in the U.S will you ex-GIs have cleared the books. Only then will people the world over forgive you for your crimes against humanity. "We want freedom, we want power to determine the destiny of our Black communities." (Point No. 1 of the Ten Point Platform and Program of the Black Panther Party)

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Randy

# STOCKADE SADIST

The following letter was sent to the Workers Defense League by Carlos Rodriguez who is currently in segregation in the Ft. Dix, New Jersey stockade. He has asked us to send this on to you in the hope that his story will be published for the American people to read.

We believe that after reading this letter you will agree that the conditions in that stockade as described by Carlos Rodriguez must be exposed. We at the Workers Defense League have received many other letters confirming nearly all of what Mr. Rodriguez says in his letter and our lawyers, who are representing many of the men now being held in the stockade, have been told the same story by other prisoners.

Dear Friend:

The story I tell you in this letter is 100% fact, I may be court-martialed like many others and it is so important that my story pierce the ears of the people in the world outside the stockade. Chances are that when you read this I will be taken to court, but that is beside the point as long as you discover and can see what the army is really like.

In this testimony I will talk mostly about the Military Police Company working in the stockade. These most involved are the 532nd and the 759th, but the 532nd are, in my opinion, the worst. I think that these M.P.s, with a few exceptions, must be psychopathic. Certainly their anti-social and immoral conduct would indicate something like that for they are sadists.

If you think that torture is no longer used you are wrong. The army has devised these leather belts which they call straps. Straps are put on your wirsts with your wrists twisted behind your back as far as they can go and tied to your ankles and you lie with all your weight on your stomach on the wooden bunk because in that position your chest can't even touch the ground.

With this in mind let me give you a few cases. I'll start with Jimmy Friend (of course that is not his real name because I don't have permission to use it). I was in Mental Hygiene when I looked out the window and saw this prisoner being taken into segregation. He was being hit on top of the head when all of a sudden he let one go and landed on Sgt. Branhover's face. (Sgt. Branhover is a lifer). Then they really put it to him. The word from Major Casey was, "Drop him." As I went then to my cell I saw big bruisers go in his cell and they followed Major Casey's orders with enthusiam. He was in the straps about five or six hours. He was laid on a bunch of boards about eight inches off the ground and every thirty minutes or so he was picked up and let fall hitting his head and abdomen, each time from higher up. As a result the man was unable to use his legs without support, his face was bashed up and he couldn't use his arms. He was in extreme pain in every muscle, bone and pore of his body. How long he endured this completely useless and unbearable pain I don't really know. He was in cell 12 and I was in 14. The next day he was processed out of the pound.

# GI LETTERS

## NAVY

Dear Brothers:

Just a few lines to explain a few things about myself and the Naval service. I'm in the service and I have been for 7 months. I would like to tell all the brothers and sisters to stay away from the White pigs' war. I've done all I can to get out but there is no hope. I want to be a Black Panther and hold a position as one who will tell you how phony the swine is. I've written over 14 people with Congressional power and all I've gotten from them was, "No." I want to be right here in the service and still help my Black people. I need your help, and you the Black people on the outside need mine.

I promise to keep you informed on what's happening. I live in Brooklyn, New York, 39 Moffat Street, but I want you to write me in the service. I want the whole world to know how this place is. I want you to know how to get out, and how to stay in, if you want to be the White man's flunky. Please send me your Code of Ethics, and some Black literature, and buttons. Please, I need your help and you need mine.

Sincerely from a Brother,
Paul Isaac Murray

P.S. Write me back, Please, I have a lot to tell you!

## ARMY

Dear Sir,

Hello there, my name is Lionel Anderson, and I am from New Orleans.

I was just released from the United States Army, which was the sorriest thing that ever happened to me in my life. The way they used me and my fellow brothers to wage war on oppressed people in Vietnam. Knowing that we are opressed here in the States, descriminated against as individuals. I was released under a bad conduct discharge for failure to comply with the ruling class rules.

As of now I am an organizer, working here at the Oleo Strut Coffee House. My job is to talk and organize Black men from Fort Hood Post.

I have been keeping up with your literature and politics. And would like to know a little more about your projects. I would appreciate a reply from you as soon as possible. I am interested in getting involved with your organization. Thank you very much for letting me take up some of your time.

Yours Truly
Lionel Anderson
Kileen, Texas

## NAVY

Dear fighting Black brothers:

I'm sending my money to help in the struggle. I would like you to send me the Black Panther News as soon as you can.

I am in the White man's Navy, but my heart is in the street fighting by the sides of Black men for the rights of Black people.

I was born in West Oakland and will soon be back in Oakland, as my time will soon be up. I made the mistake of coming in the service, thinking that maybe it's better being in the Navy. But the man got me in a box along with a lot of other Black men. But when we get out, "the sky is the limit," and I will put to good use the training that the White man has taught me. I need some written support from YOU to help me teach my Black brothers on the ship.

Most of the brothers are from the South and are scared to speak out. I have been telling them about the ways of the White man, but I want them to read it for themselves.

My birth name is Thomas Walker, but the name Thomas don't get it. Could you tell me a name for a Black warrior?

Thomas F. Walker BM-3
Deck Div.
U.S.S. AGEKHOLM DD826
c/o FPO San Francisco, Ca. 96601

p.s. The ship is in Viet Nam, so please send as soon as you can.

Power to the People
Right On!

# "NECESSARY FORCE"

June 5th, this is a true report except I don't think that the man was put in the straps. I was not in the same cell block at the time. His name is Johnny Sanchez and he has been to Vietnam and risked his life fighting communism and all the Noble Reasons the government produces. The man went through many hardships as anyone who has been to Vietnam knows. When he finally came state-side, the man was a complete nervous wreck. I myself once was startled as one day I walked past his cell and there he was shaking as if his life depended on it--perhaps it did. I could go on an talk about the price Johnny Sanchez paid for that war and got nothing out of it but becoming a nervous wreck and I could talk about who is getting the profit from the war, but most people know that now--or they should. they did nothing but passed on by. When they sent him to the hospital his face--I mean what I'm saying--his face was hardly visible along side the bumps and blood. He was brought back to segregation at night so no one could see. Outcome, the man was not put in the straps, but put on Code 11 (very dangerous) which means shower and shave once a week only. The report when he was taken to the hospital was "Necessary Force Needed and Used." You figure it out and don't smile.

The next thing I tell you is absolutely true and I can use the person's name because it was me, Carlos Rodriguez. I have nothing to hide and here it goes: I've been now in segregation approximately 35 days. If you don't count the few hours I spent outside on June 5th, then I've been here fifty days on this Bum Trip charge. On July 8th I was told to move from Cell Block 77 to Cell Block 85. After some hassle about a foot locker a Gung-ho PFC Cleland threw my clothes on the floor. I then refused to move until someone picked up my clothes and put them back where they belonged. Then Sgt. Himan called me a punk because he needed all those other guards to back him up. At this time Sp/4 Miller tried to beat me on my back but I noticed him coming and put it towards the wall. Then Sgt. Himan put his hands on me and I tried to portect myself. Sp/4 Miller started punching. Next thing I know all six are trying to put me down. Blows on my head, punches all over but I covered my face. Between all of them they got me down and tied my hands behind my back and began to put on pressure. More punches on my back, sides, head and the next thing I know Sgt. Himan, to prove he is the man he isn't, puts my head on the floor, left side up, and leaves an imprint of his boot and bump on the other side. They kicked me in the back of my head and put a foot on the back of my neck and applied pressure. All this after they had put my hands behind me and tied them, I was completely subdued. Was it "Necessary?" No. They later started walking me back and tried to throw me against the edge of a building, but missed. When coming into my cell they punched me, and another prisoner saw them. They tried to put me against the bars of my door, but I side stepped. For that I got another imprint on my left side.

So, as you can see, where my story is leading, I'm talking about Military Police Brutality. Most likely, if you have any insight, you will see why these people Re-Up. Simply because of their inferiority complex that they cannot compete with people on the outside. And really they can't because they'd be by themselves and just thought makes them shudder.




Anyway, he was beat up by four guards, taken to the barber shop and all his hair was cut in front of every single eye in the stockade. I think the army was afraid of a protest against the treatment and conditions in the stockade and they were making an example of Johnny Sanchez of what they could do to anyone who objected or protested. They were saying that if anyone gets out of hand they would get what Johnny got. And by getting out of hand they meant being at the right place at the wrong time, a smile when it's not supposed to there. Anything as simple as that. I was out of segregation at the time approximately 2 to 3 hours. Next thing I know there's a disturbance which the army calls a riot. And I'm gack in segregation with about twenty other prisoners. Why, I didn't know 'till two days later. That's when I find out it's a bum rap--Code 13 (CID investigation). I don't want to discuss this part so much because if I tell too much about the inhuman abuses we suffered here, I know how these people work and they will try to cover their holes. But, I will tell you the report because I heard it from the guards: "NECESSARY FORCE NEEDED AND USED."

Before I proceed, let me explain this little saying since it is not rare that you'll see it in reports: (1) when a prisoner hits a guard, of course they will not state who did the pushing or punching first, what the provocation was, etc. and since we are prisoners we have the benefit of doubt against us and statements will always show the prisoner was at fault. Even guards who don't condone this treatment will not object officially in reports because they have to live with other guards. (2) When a prisoner refuses to do something, and (3) many times as a means to get even or without any justifiable reason, (but they will find one)

Jones, which is his real name, was told by one guard in control, "Don't Smile." A few minutes later a smile came upon his lips and all of a sudden four guards, as if anticipating his smile, came from everywhere. They pounced on this man as never before. When the officers saw what was happening

# BRASS BANS PAPER-- GIs SEEK INJUNCTION

On Tuesday, September 16, authorities at Ft. Bragg, N.C., informed members of G.I.'s United Against the War in Vietnam that they would not be allowed to distribute their anti-war newspaper, Bragg Briefs. In a communique dated September 15, and signed by Provost Marshall Kriwanek, no reason was offered for the decision despite a May 28 Pentagon directive which clearly states that "cogent reasons" must be provided if the distribution of literature on Army posts is to be denied.

G.I.'s United Against the War in Vietnam filed their requests to distribute on July 4, 1969 and again on July 30, 1969, in accordance with Ft. Bragg regulation 210-23. This regulation requires notification to the Provost Marshall's office announcing intention to distribute; the Army then has seven days in which to answer the notice.

Having already made plans to submit a notice of intent to distribute for their September issue before receiving the Army's denial, the G.I.'s will continue with their plans and on Wednesday, September 17th, a third intention to distribute will be filed in the Provost Marshall's office and will be signed by the editorial board of Bragg Briefs. If at the end of seven days there is no response from the Army, or distribution is denied, Attorney Leonard Boudin of New York, in association with the G.I. Civil Liberties Defense Committee, will file suit seeking an injunction to safeguard the right to distribute. Failure to allow the G.I.'s to distribute their paper is a denial of their First Amendment rights.

The Army's response to this third request will play a major role in the suits filed at Ft. Jackson and Ft. Bragg which seek to protect First Amendment rights. These suits, filed last April 1 and May 19 respectively, are pending before two judges and will be heard this fall. They were filed on behalf of 10 members of G.I.'s United at Ft. Jackson and 18 members of G.I's United at Ft. Bragg by attorneys Leonard Boudin of New York, David Rein of Washington, Howard Moore of Atlanta, Laughlin Macdonald of Chapel Hill, N.C., Thomas Broadwater of Columbia S.C., and Michael Smith of Detroit, in association with the G.I. Civil Liberties Defense Committee.

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GIs lead New York demonstration.

# BRIG PIG BRUTE BAN

Some of the Marine Guards at Treasure Island Naval Brig have been over-zealous and may have to serve time or transfer to Mafioso Alioto's civilian goon-squad. The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor is listing slightly after having been rammed with a Federal restraining order by U.S District Judge William Sweigert.

It seems that the S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedure) has run afoul of an order handed down by Judge Sweigert after 15 enlisted men filed suit against the guards for acts of brutality at the hands of these "Champions of Freedom."

The 100-year reputation of the Naval and Marine Service for running the most brutal and sadistic jails is still in-tact although its been closely challenged by San Francisco, Arkansas, and many southern civilian jails.

Naturally the Navy had no comment, but too many people have been in the Marine Corps and Navy for this bull---t to warrant an investigation. Just ask anyone who's had the honor to serve as an enlisted man. The sadistic, brutal, and inhuman treatment is probably the world's most well-known secret.

Big Brother has, at least temporarily, ordered the goon-squad to lighten-up a bit but since this is no isolated incident one might as well arm oneself with a feather and a marshmallow and order the Marine Corps to disband. It's common knowledge that the olivedrub goon squad can never be unprogrammed after a century of programmed madness.

The Marine Corps maims and kills far to many in the name of "training", so it's understandably necessary to do maximum damage in the name of "rehabilitation."






We are eagerly awaiting a CinemaScope "epic" with John Wayne playing the part of a dedicated, distraught, unappreciated, but dedicated Brig Guard. It's rapidly becoming clear that the Marine Corps is out-distancing the Green Berets in trying to protect its Hollywood image. It's an uphill battle because people have noses and Government-issue bull---t smell worst than any other kind.

ALL POWER TO THE PRISONERS

# MARINE DIES . . . BEATING CHARGED

September 22, 1969

**Parris Island, S.C.**

A Marine recruit at the Parris Island Training Center, allegedly beaten by supervisory personnel, died yesterday at the State Medical University Hospital in Charleston.

Private Stephen E. Melson, 28, of Millsboro, Del., had been in the hospital suffering from a chronic kidney ailment. Marine officials said there "was some basis" to reports that Melson received some physical injuries before he succumbed to his illness.

Captain V. R. Arnold, information services officer, said yesterday that an investigation was continuing into the case and that findings would be announced today.

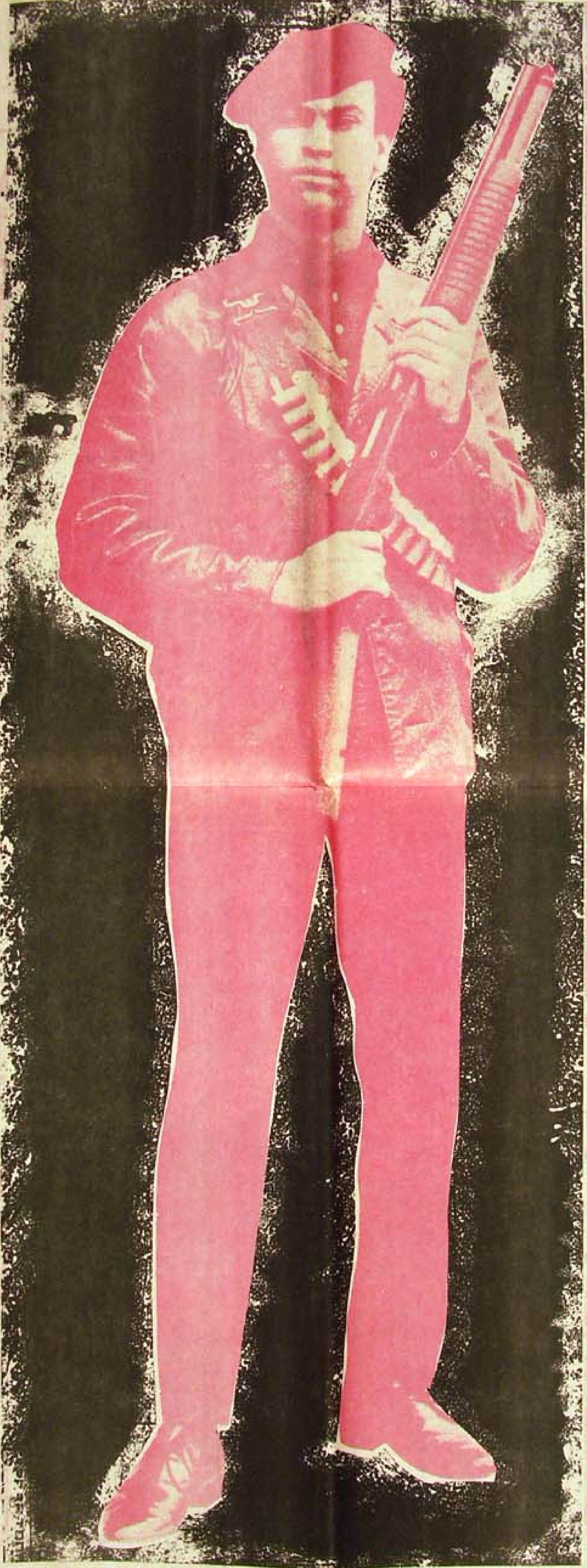
"It is pretty conclusive that we will be able to name one or more of the persons involved," Arnold said. "We should be able to confirm that there are persons who will be charged with abuse of the boy."

Arnold indicated Saturday night that the investigation pointed in the direction of drill instruction personnel. He said that at least one Marine had been relieved of his duties pending completion of the investigation.

The investigation began when Melson told hospital personnel in Charleston that he had been kicked and beaten. Physicians said the kidney illness was "not the result of physical injury."

*United Press*

# MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE HUEY P. NEWTON ON THE PEACE MOVEMENT...



The Peace Movement is extremely important, more important than I though it was, say, two years ago. Matter of fact, it's one of the most important movements that's going on at this time. Because a person is in the Peace Movement and he works with the Peace Movement, the Peace Movement is not necessarily a pacifist movement. I think that the reason I place so much emphasis now upon the Peace Movement I see that if peace were to come about this would force a re-evaluation and a revolution in the basic economic composition of the country.

I'll explain that further. For instance, we all know now this is a garrison state, the warfare state. And this is not by accident. After capitalism reaches a point where it can no longer expand, it looks for other avenues, other deposits, other places to expand the capitalistic interest. And at this time super-capitalists (we know people like General Motors, Chrysler, General Dynamics, and all the SUPER COMPANIES--I understand there's about 76 that control the whole economy of this country) and these companies, including the automobile companies that I just named are the prime people, or they are the military contractors. They run the defense plants as far as getting the contracts from the Pentagon. Chrysler made that batch of tanks that wouldn't fire, (you probably saw in the paper) through a contract with the government and with the Pentagon. In other words, super-capitalists are now putting their over-expanded capitalistic surplus into military equipment. And this military equipment is then placed in foreign countries, which is the final depository for expendable goods, such as Viet Nam, such as what happened in the Dominican Republic some years ago. In other words, with the wedding of the industry with the Pentagon, they have a new avenue to invest. And they invest in military equipment. And this equipment is expendable, because this is the purpose of it. To explode it and then build new ones, you see. So it's a perpetual type of process.

We know now that the U.S. has a secret pact with Thailand. These things are not by accident, are not by chance; but it's all part of a super-plan in order to keep the economy going. What would happen then, if peace were to come about? If peace were to come about then you wouldn't have that final depository for expendable goods and the surplus would then be turned back into the country. The military plants and the related defense plants, industrial plants would be brought to a grinding halt.

And this is why you have some of the union representatives supporting the war effort. This is why the AFL-CIO supported the invasion of the Dominican Republic. It forced out Juan Bosch for the simple reason, they know that as long as the war goes on, then they can exploit the people through taxation and also exploit the people through human lives, because we sent soldiers, you see brothers, because they're expendable too; people are expendable. So, this is to keep it going, to keep getting the contracts.

So what happens is that one of the favored arguments of the capitalists is that America is not an imperialistic country because the traditional ways and means of imperialists is to go into a developing country and rape the country of its raw materials and refine them in the colony, in the developing country or send them to the mother country to be refined or refine them and sell them back at a high price to the colonized people. And the argument is that "America is not doing that. We don't need what's in Vietnam; we don't need any equipment, and the raw materials out of Vietnam." And this is very true. This sort of puzzled me for a while; and I couldn't really answer it, and so I just talked around it. But now I understand that something new has happened; that with the wedding of science with industry, with the industrial plants, that America has solved the basic problem of raw materials through synthetics and through knowing how to use raw materials that are already here and using them in a variety of ways, therefore keeping the plants going. So, therefore this is the favored argument of the capitalist; "So, we must be there to stop communism or wars of subversion, you see, subversive wars. But what's overlooked is the fact that the super-capitalists know we don't need to rape the country. I think Cuba was the turning point where it was sort of the traditional colonized country. And I'll inject this and that is that.

Another argument is that we need the positions, their strategic military positions, which we know that the U.S. does not need any strategic military positions because they already have enough equipment to defend this country from any point in the world if we were attacked. So they could only be there to use this developing country as depository for expendable goods. And in traditional imperialism, people from the mother country usually go to the colony, set up government and there the government heads and also the leaders of the military.

And this is not so at this point, see. In Vietnam, people from the mother country have not gone to the colonized country and jockeyed for position, but it's all been turned back into America. The defense contractors jocky for position now in the mother country, you see, for the defense contracts. And then they set up a puppet government or a military regime so that they can supply these developing countries with military equipment. And they really don't want to be in Vietnam or any of the developing countries, because they feel (and they have done this) they've bought off the militaries in these various developing countries so that they will only be an arm of the Pentagon, for instance, the military regime in Greece. So therefore, they have full control of the military officers, through buying them off, paying them high salaries and so forth so they feel that they won't have to send American troops, and therefore, they won't disturb or cause chaos in America and the mother country.

But what happens when one battalion of your military is defeated? They you send in reinforcements to a defeated puppet army in that developing country. The whole government becomes subject to the army. And the army becomes suspicious of the civil government in these developing countries, because they are told by the Pentagon through indoctrination and money that the civil government is communist or a threat to the nation. So then you have military coups, and this is what happens over and over with the support of the U.S.

So what we have, we have really an imperialistic variation of imperialism. And I said before, the jockeying for position of power is inside of the mother country now. So, in fact, the American people have become colonized.

At one time I thought that only Blacks were colonized. But I think we have to change our rhetoric to an extent because the whole American people have been colonized, if you view exploitation as a colonized effect, now they're exploited. They support the super-capitalist through taxation. And (through taxation) with tax to support the super-capitalist, or these 76 companies.

So, therefore, the whole American people are colonized people and even more so than the people in these developing countries where the militaries operate. And these are the points that we have to get across to the people to show them that we are a colonized people and lift their consciousness to a point to have a successful revolution.

Well, anyway, I won't go on with that. But I hope you get the point, and I hope I'm clear enough. But, this is why the Peace Movement is so important. If the Peace Movement is successful, then the revolution will be successful. If the Peace Movement fails, then the revolution in the mother country fails. In other words the people will be pushed so up-tight once they found war were to stop, but then the whole economy would go down the drain because you would have to have a planned economy to combat the chaos that would be caused by the absence of any incentive for the factories to go. Now war is the incentive for the military contractors.

So this is why it is very important that we have communications with, not only communications with, we should engage in writing in our paper that we support the Peace Movement, actually get out and support it in various ways through literature and demonstrations in all the ways that the people struggle against the antagonistic ruling capitalist class in order to bring about change, because we realize that waging the struggles of antagonistic forces are the elements and the essence of all change, so at this point we're just involved in a struggle by antagonistic forces, and that is the people who work for a living and the people who own and exploit for their well-being.

So we have to realize our position and we have to know ourselves and know our enemies. A thousand wars and a thousand victories. And until we know who the enemy is and what the situation is we will only be marking time. Even the Peace Movement doesn't compromise our defense principles. We still will defend ourselves against attack and against agression. But overall, we're advocating the end to all wars. But, yet, we support the self-defense of the Vietnamese people and all the people who are struggling.

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Huey P. Newton
Minister of Defense,
Black Panther Party

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*Pvt. Jorge Caputo of Fort Dix, New Jersey, was charged two months ago with a violation of Article 91 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice disrespect to a senior non-commissioned officer. Specifically, Jorge told a Sergeant Bushfan to quit "fucking" with him and also called him a "fucker."*

*Prior to testimony at a court-martial, members of the court-martial board are questioned so as to determine whether they might be prejudiced against the accused. If so, they can be challenged and dismissed. The following are excerpts from the questioning of the president of the board, a Lt. Colonel Baily:*

Q. Do you think the Vietnam war is just?

A. I don't know.

Q. If you were given an order to napalm Harlem, would you comply?

A. If the President ordered it, of course I would.

Q. What if a team of lawyers told you it was not a legal order?

A. I would do it anyway, if so ordered.

Q. Do you think the German generals should have been brought to trial, even though they were only "following orders," and if so, should they have been punished?

A. Well, some of them.

Q. Does a soldier have a right to say what he wants to?

A. Yes.

Q. Does he have the right to write what he wants to?

A. Yes.

Q. Does he have the right to pass out papers on and off Post?

A. Yes.

Q. Does he have the right to pass out *Shakedown* on Fort Dix?

A. Well [after some thought], I'm not sure about that.

Q. Did you ever hear the word "fuck?"

A. Yes.

Q. When was the last time you heard it used?

A. I don't know, two or three days ago.

Q. Did you ever use the word?

A. Yes, a long time ago, when I was a little boy .... But I like to think I've gotten over that.

Q. Did you hear "fuck" used fairly often on Fort Dix?

A. No, not at all. It is a word unbecoming to the officer corps. I don't mingle with people who use words like that. When I hear language like that, I just move away.

*For his offense Jorge was found guilty and sentenced to two months at hard labor and fined $80/ month for two months. Jorge has been in the Army since January, and has managed to accumulate only three weeks of "good time." Actually, the intent of his latest sentence is to put him out of circulation again, for he is an active antiwar organizer within the Army. FTA.*

—edited from *Shakedown*, an underground paper published by and for Ft. Dix GIs




# GIs ORGANIZE CO COMMITTEE

COLUMBIA, S.C. (LNS) -- G.I.'s at Ft. Jackson have organized a committee for soldiers interested in becoming conscientious objectors. The Army, in characteristic fashion, is going out of its way, and against its own regulations, to suppress the committee.

Army regulations provide that a G.I. who has changed his beliefs since entering the Army can apply for non-combatant status or discharge as a conscientious objector on the basis of religious training and belief. The initial application for either of these status changes takes between six weeks and three months to return from the Dept. of the Army. The committee maintains that an applicant could conceivably spend a full two years trying to get recognition as a conscientious objector.

The committee has put out written material about the intricacies of applying for non-combatant status and discharge. Those who are interested should contact: Box 1197 Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

# From A Black Marine

Dear Sir:

Well, the first thing I would like to explain is my reason for addressing my brothers as sir is mainly because I haven't become as aware as you, as far as my people are concerned. I am a Pvt. in the United States Marine Corps who just finished doing a 3 months sentence in Konehe Marine Corps Air Station Brig for pocession of marijuana and a few other charges. While carring time in whiteys jail I found out who I was and my debt to my people as a black man. The reason I am writing you is to gain more knowledge about the things that are taking place in this corrupt society.

A few weeks ago the Brothers here had a riot which I feel was very relevant. Hawaii is not a place where you can find the kind of literature I am seeking. If possible I would like to subscribe to any magazines, or papers that are published by the Panthers. This information contained in your pamphlets and papers would show me the society we live in and the role I should be playing. Well, I won't bore you with anymore silly requests. I plan to join the Panthers soon, and I would like to know what is happening so I will be slightly ahead of the game when I join. My address is on the front

Thank You,

P.S. Please, excuse me for writing in pencil but I am now is the field training to kill my brothers the Viet Cong. Don't worry I won't kill my own people. Whitey dosen't know it but he is training me to kill him when the situation arises.

EDITORS NOTE:

We understand that the Marine Corp is the strongest bastion of racism and ignorance in the U.S. military complex. If the brother who authored this letter is a racist. He is probably justified. There are two evils to fight capitalism and racism. If this black Marine understand that the "Viet Cong" are in fact his brothers then he also understands that Saigons puppet troops are traitors, toms, and bootlickers. We hope that with a growing consciousness he comes to understand that all "whiteys" are not on the same side and that all "brothers" are not on the same side.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

*CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK*

# THE POWER OF ARMS

***From Tricontinental May - June 1969***

***by Amilcar Cabral***

At present our armed forces form a body of the army inside each front, and they can disperse themselves to any place within the front. In the next stage we will be able to disperse units to any front that might be necessary. For example, some weeks ago one body of the army together with groups from other places made a general campaign in which they attacked all the Portuguese fortresses of Quinera.

I want to emphasize that the leadership of the struggle is the leadership of the Party. Inside the Political Bureau there is a War Council over which I preside as Secretary-General of the Party. There is no important military action in our land that does not pass through my hands. When there were fronts, sectors, and units, they had autonomy for normal, daily actions within certain bounds, but from then on any extensive modification, any new action, passed and still passes through the hands of the War Council and, specifically, through my hands.

The commandos of the fronts execute the decisions made by the War Council. For example, the attack on the port of Bissau was planned by us, with every precaution. The only setback was that it wasn't carried out when it had been planned for because of material difficulties. There was a delay of several days, but it was planned by us in a meeting with all the comrades where we even chose which men were to go. That gives an idea of how much our work has been centralized.

In relation to the development of the struggle as a guerrilla war, we consider that ours developed like a living being, in successive stages. Many times a stage passed rapidly; other times slowly. We never forced a stage: each time a stage was exhausted we advanced a little more. This gave a total harmony to our struggle. At the beginning we didn't speak of an army, and even now we do not speak of a general staff. We created small guerrilla groups that performed their activities, and they were tightened and tightened until they constituted an army, the regular forces. All of these are rigorously controlled and military inspection is regularly carried out.

We passed from one phase to another, and by 1967 we reached the final stage: all the guerrilla forces were regular forces.

At present our Party's armed forces are composed, in addition to the regular forces, of the people's armed militia with a base in the liberated regions.

I want to point out that before that, our guerrilla bases were actually villages, but little by little we terminated this: we reduced the bases, dividing them in twos and threes, and finally we ordered the elimination of this type of bases. Now they don't exist; there are our people's villages and there exist points of support for our armed forces. The order was extremely useful because it came at a moment in which the Portuguese had pinpointed all of our bases on the map of their general staff and they intended to bomb them. Actually they did bomb some but there was no one there. We had eliminated the famous guerrilla bases just in time.

The enemy tried to behave in our land in very much the same manner as in the colonial wars it carried out against other peoples. Thinking that we were going to invade our country from Guinea and Senegal, the Portuguese's first strategy was to collect the troops on the borders in order to prevent here what had happened in northern Angola. They were wrong because the fight began a hundred kilometers inside the territory, and that cost them many losses. Later they immediately dispersed their forces and in such a small country as ours established almost a hundred fortified posts. A net of fortresses was installed which, as the struggle became intensified, had to be moved to more secure positions. Today there is a lesser number of fortresses in virtue of the constant attacks against them.

The tactics of the Portuguese are those common to this kind of struggle. From the moment they felt that we were beating them badly, they began their bombardments and burned our villages, to terrorize the people and keep them from supporting us. The fundamental worry of the enemy in this type of fighting is to deny the guerrilla the support of the population. That gives an idea of the importance the people's support has for the guerrilla struggle. The enemy understands this also and therefore commits every possible barbarity to prevent it. But the more outrages the Portuguese commit, the firmer the people become when they have achieved a certain political consciousness.

The Portuguese carried out various raids against our bases which, in all frankness, were sometimes successful, especially until our troops could remain surrounding their garrisons. Our troops advanced to such a point that we ambushed the Portuguese 500 meters away from their fortresses. That paralyzed the enemy. From then on they increased their bombardments and began to use napalm and white phosphorous on a large scale; and they attacked the coasts of our liberated areas with gunboats and other ships.

At the same time they put into play political propaganda aimed at dissuading and demoralizing the population. Above all much of the radio propaganda accused us of all possible things. They said we were Communists, that we were going to suppress religion and the traditional chiefs, that we were dupes of the foreigners, etc. They also tried to give the impression that the Africans were going to lead themselves, and they created a "governing council" in which they placed almost exclusively Africans. They modified their relations with the Africans, from offering them fellowships and good positions in their jobs, to letting them pass first in the streets. These tricks didn't bring the desired results; our people know very well that if it weren't for the PAIGC, if it weren't for the struggle, there would be none of these things. Obviously, this is not to say that there were no traitors, that there were no people who profited from going to the side of the Portuguese.

I think it's unnecessary to characterize the tactics and strategy of the Portuguese because they are more or less a copy of those employed by the United States in Viet-



*Amilcar Cabral, Secretary-General of the PAIGC, accompanied by Joao ("Nino") Vieira, member of the Council of War, reviews the guerrilla units operating in the Bolana and Gandembel zones.*

Nam. The only difference is that they do not possess the same equipment as the United States. The Portuguese carried out massive landings: combined land-sea and air or land-river and air operations. But they were beaten. We wait until they arrive and install themselves in their barracks, and then we launch our attack.

At the beginning, the helicopters hurt us a lot, especially the surprise attacks against our people. But now we are successfully confronting the helicopters. They fall victim to our gunfire and the Portuguese have been forced to conclude that their helicopters cannot win the war for them.

Something very important in this context is that the Portuguese have no problems in the Cape Verde islands. When we begin the action there the struggle in Guinea will be practically over. It is not an indispensable condition for the termination of the struggle; it can end without this prerequisite. But the day that the action is extended to Cape Verde, the struggle will be practically ended.

With regard to the position of the Portuguese in the war, we are of the opinion that they are carrying it out because of the criminal policy of their government, and because they are afraid of decolonialization. Portugal is an underdeveloped country, it is a semicolony of England, the United States, and other countries; it doesn't have an economic structure that permits it to practice neocolonialism; and it fears competition with other countries. It prefers the role of intermediary to having to withdraw from Angola. It prefers to let Angola be exploited by the United States, Belgium, England, etc., rather than moving out and leaving it only to the others. In our specific case, in Guinea, the only thing that prevents Portugal from withdrawing is the precedent it would set, because everyone knows that the Portuguese are in very bad shape. Marcelo Caetano's speech in the Assembly on November 27 demonstrates this. When a chief of government has to say that he is going to "defend a 'province' at any price," it is because he knows that there is no "province" here, and that if at one time this land was their colony, it has now ceased to be so.

And since we are speaking of Caetano, let me say that in our opinion the change in the head of Portugal's Government has no significance. We have never fought against the policy of one man; we were never fighting against Salazar; nor against fascism. The Portuguese patriots have to fight against Portuguese fascism. We are fighting against Portuguese colonialism, which is not the offspring of Salazar but of the situation of the class domination in Portugal and the imperialist situation in general. Because the dominant Portuguese ruling class could not hold our lands if it were not for the support of world imperialism, represented by the United States, the German Federal Republic, and others. Therefore, Marcelo Caetano is a creation of Portuguese colonialism and world imperialism who does no more than try to preserve his job when he states that he is going to "defend at any price" our lands. But we are going to make him pay very dearly and he won't be able to snatch anything away. The colonialists are going to pay dearly in Portuguese lives and materials that we shall destroy, and we are going to take over our land. The clear proof of what we say is that 1968 was for us an extraordinary year of sound military and political victories.

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**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

# NEWS BRIEFS

The battle in Hiepduc Valley began with an enemy attack against an Army hilltop artillery base on Aug. 11. Two North Vietnamese Army regiments—between 1,500 and 3,000 troops—were involved. By the end of August, eight allied battalions totalling at least 3,000 troops had been committed to the fight.

Who won?

Saigon military spokesmen said the enemy had been routed. Danang spokesmen said the enemy had been hurt so badly that it would probably take several months for the units to recover. Spokesmen for Marine and Army divisional headquarters said the enemy had retreated into the mountains for resupply and troop replacement after a tough, hard battle.

At regiment and brigade levels, it was said that the enemy had been hurt but could probably attack again soon. Officers in charge of the fighting in the valley said it was a close and hard fight. Many of the American soldiers who fought said they thought they had been beaten, even though the enemy suffered more casualties.

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## VIETNAM

(LNS) Top secret operations are being launched in Vietnam to kill or capture American deserters fighting for the NLF, according to a London Express story reprinted June 24 in the New York Post. The operations have been ordered as the problem of troops going AWOL in the war zones becomes increasingly serious.

Many of them are black soldiers, who let it be known they are deserting as a gesture in support of the Black Liberation Movement in the U.S. At American headquarters in Saigon a spokesman confirmed the latest figures showed desertions in Vietnam are running at the rate of nearly ten a day. He was unable to reveal the total number of deserters, nor is it known how many join "the enemy." In the Danang area, a group of Black deserters formed a Black Power platoon and held regular drill parades near a village.

Those who do defect are extremely helpful to the NLF. They take with them detailed knowledge of how to work American equipment and how American units operate.

In the Mekong Delta there have been reports of deserters using stolen radios to cut in on Army wavelengths to misdirect artillery and helicopter fire. These men are considered such a menance that Green Berets are ordered to kill them if it is impossible to capture them alive. So far there have been no reports of a court martial of any American who joined the NLF.

## U.S.A.

-- The U.S. Army has developed an exceptionally potent form of THC (synthetic marijuana) as powerful as LSD, for use in warfare as a non-lethal "incapacitating agent" which, according to Project Director Dr. H.G. Pars of the research firm of Arthur D. Little, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., who collaborated on the Defense Department contract (#D A 18-108-AMC-103 A ), would "make the enemy too confused to fight."

## Vinh Lam

(LNS) -- Twenty-five G.I.'s stationed at the port city of Vinh Lam staged a demonstration against the Vietnam war recently, according to a dispatch from Vietnam's Liberation Press Agency. The Vietnamese agency also said that G.I.'s mutinied and killed two officers in the town of Thach Tru, in Quang Ngai province, South Vietnamese police reportedly indicated that the two officers were shot in an explicitly anti-war protest.

## Saigon

When everybody goes out on a nice sunny day in Saigon to celebrate some noteworthy patriotic event or other, they, together with gentlemen like Bunker, Thieu, and Ky, lift their voices in singing the regime's rousing National Anthem. Surprisingly enough, the song doesn't praise colonialism, but summons the people to "go forward for the glory of the Fatherland". Its first line proclaims that "the nation nears the day of liberation".

It does, and the guy who wrote it ought to know. He's Luu Huu Phuoc, a Viet Minh youth leader who graduated later to the National Liberation Front when the French were gone. That should have been embarrassing to the Saigon brass, who coopted the song as part of their attempt to cash in on Vietnamese nationalism. But they went right on singing the words of Phuoc, who, by the way, is now Minister of Information and Culture in the new Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

## MEXICO

MEXICO CITY (LNS) -- A revolutionary bi-lingual journal of poetry and the arts, El Corno Emplumado, has been forced to suspend publication and its editor harassed by the Mexican government as part of its systematic repression of supporters of last year's student strike. The journal has published Latin American revolutionary poetry and pro-Cuban material.

Margaret Randall, editor of the journal, began injecting a political tone into it a few years ago, publishing poetry by Che and Otto Rene Castillo. The journal actively supported the student strike last year. Since the repression of the journal, the government has refused to give Margaret a passport.

## BOLIVIA

LA PAZ (LNS) -- The Bolivian Army of National Liberation (ELN) is reportedly active and solidly maintained in its bases despite recent arrests and weapons seizures by the Bolivian government.

The Bolivian Minister of the Interior, Colonel Eufronio Padilla, admitted that the government had been unable to affect the structure of the revolutionary organization and had no information whatever concerning the hideout of Guido "Inti" Peredo, leader of the ELN, according to Presa Latina.

Inti was one of the few survivors of Che's guerrilla force that was destroyed late in 1967.

## THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL TIMES -- The CIA has discovered that, in most countries, the soundest and most easily exchanged currency is a cacket of opium or its derivatives. It has over 3 times the value of gold and maintains its value even after dilutions.

Since 1947 the intelligence services of many countries have actively engaged in refining and distributing narcotics. The U.S. buys uncured opium in Laos and transports it by plane through Thailand into Vietnam where it is uesd as currency.

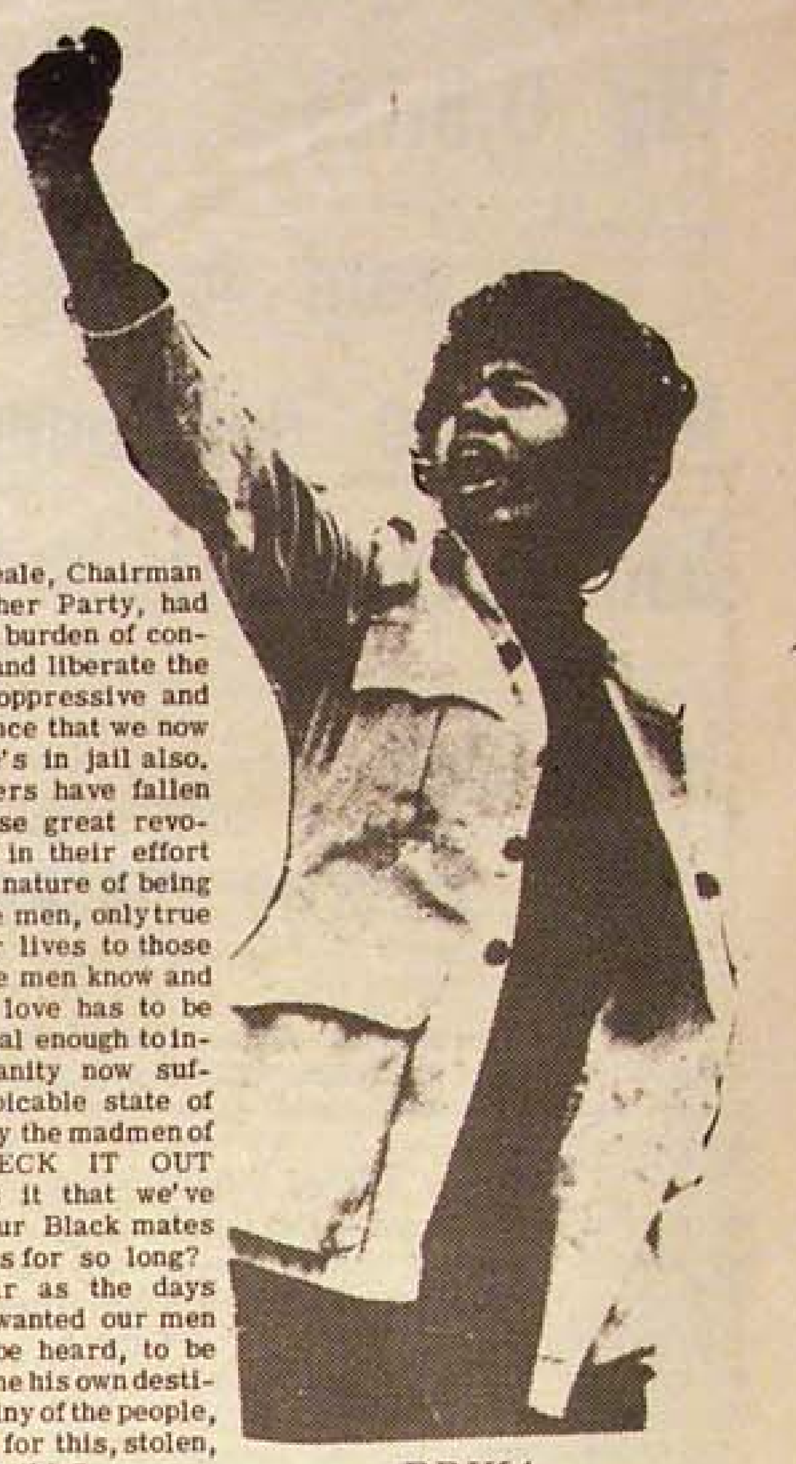


*VIETNAMESE MILITIA WOMEN, PRACTICE FOR FURTHER DUELS WITH U.S. SEVENTH FLEET*

# "CHECK IT OUT SISTER"



*KATHLEEN*



*ERIKA*

I'm writing this letter exclusively to all the sisters out there, in a way that maybe all of you can understand what it is I'm trying to say.

To you Sister, the whore of the Black ghettos giving up your body to the slum of the earth just for the love of a freak punk, trying to play the part of a man. And you Sister, the Black student going to the many colleges and universities, institutions designed by the ruling class to teach the lowest form of education in its refusal to give you a true education. And to you Sister, who go to these jobs that turn you into social robots in them typing pools, and keypunch sections, etc. with your $450.00 a month pay, just enough to keep you in constant debt paying on those revolving charge accounts that you had to get to keep your wardrobe together, so you can go to work looking out of sight like all the rest of your fellow robots. And also that "Sister," who thinks she's had a luck break in this capitalistic society and sold her talents and good looks to these avaricious businessmen, and feels like she is no longer a part of the many oppressed people, piling up those petty bourgeoisie tendencies on her back. And even "You Sister," who had to spend some time behind prison walls, that these mother-f--kin sadists have built to expose you to all their f---ed up homosexual bags, and bisexual hangups, leaving your minds distorted with a lot of bullshit. And you "Black Mothers," out there on welfare because your man couldn't stand the pressure of raising a family of five or six children because he was being exploited on his job all the while he was trying to keep food in his children's mouths leaving you to become hard and cold towards every man that looks at you.

"JUST CHECK THIS OUT!"

The Black Panther Party, is our Saviour, I know you can relate to that, because we all came from christian backgrounds telling us that someday somebody was going to come along and get us out of all this shit, "So be it," the Vanguard Party has in its midsts all the Black Prophets and Black Leaders of this generation, they are the advanced detachment for the masses of all oppressed people.

Brother Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, has laid down the role and the way of the Black mans plight for his brothers to follow.

Brother Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information has laid open his entire life history to show the people that he indeed administers the correct information to the people. Immediately upon finding out that these two brothers were a threat to the ruling class, which has kept up in this true state of "Hell," the racist pigs vamped on them putting one in jail and the other in exile.

Brother Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, had taken on the great burden of continuing to educate and liberate the people from this oppressive and exploitative existence that we now live under, now he's in jail also. Hundreds of brothers have fallen into step with these great revolutionary brothers in their effort to obtain the true nature of being whole and complete men, only true men dedicate their lives to those they love, only true men know and realize that their love has to be deep enough and real enough to include all of humanity now suffering in this despicable state of affairs being run by the madmen of the world. "CHECK IT OUT SISTER," what is it that we've all wanted from our Black mates and Black brothers for so long? Going back as far as the days of slavery we've wanted our men to stand up and be heard, to be the one to determine his own destiny and the destiny of the people, haven't we worked for this, stolen, lied and whored for this?

Are we going to let the greed and oppression and brainwashing of this decadent society prevent us from being the strong and gracious women that we truly are? In checking it out, I would say I wouldn't I'd say that I will have to stand with my brothers in this crucial and most important time in all of mans history, I'd say that for once in my life I can truly be his comrade, his sister, his woman, and his childrens mother.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Ida L Walston

# JESSIE SMALLWOOD "OINKS" TO RICHMOND

The so-called Neighborhood House has repeatedly divorced itself from the predominately Black communities of North Richmond. The "Neighborhood" House has been constantly telling us that they are not federally subsidized and that they are only receiving donations from "private" sources.

In their annual report of 1968, "Neighborhood" House should provide training and technical assistance to local residents and local community groups. The bulk of these services, of course, should be responsive to the needs that are defined by the involvement and participation of the community residents. This insures quality and programs priority for requesting grants, a major function of our staff."

What "Neighborhood" House is actually telling the people is if you become involved and participate in capitulating to this mad government that has us in the position we are in, then we will help you out just like the government is helping us."

The staff of "Neighborhood" House, headed by "I'm Black and I'm proud" Jessie Smallwood had some of their lackeys riding around the community of North Richmond with loudspeakers, oinking to the people, "We have monies (thousands of dollars) for jobs, monies for renovation of houses and other things for the people of North Richmond. We're having a banquet at Minnie Lue's and all the people of North Richmond are invited to attend". (they didn't say it cost $1.75)

The brothers on the block knew what was going on. Consequently Eddie Denton, myself, and as many of the lumpen (block brothers) as we could reach, went on to the luncheon given by "Neighborhood" House for the community. When we got there, a bootlicking, aloof acting nigger came to the door and told us, "you can't come in here unless you are guests of Jessie Smallwood because this is a PRIVATE PARTY."

Seeing the obvious contraction of what he was saying as opposed to what the Jessie Smallwood's clique had said to the public, we created confusion at the door and then stepped back on the corner. It worked because about 5 minutes later here comes old Jessie Smallwood. (She's hip enough to know what's happening) She said "Why sure, you all can come in".

Seizing the opportunity for further investigation, we went in. What a sight!!! There were many Black people" there and a few Whites. They all were sitting at the tables in their respective business suits oinking over some godd----d chicken, black-eyed peas, rice, greens, cornbread muffins and rolls (for those who preferred rolls.) A brother that went in with us, and had been living in Richmond for 23 years, said that the majority of the "people" that were there didn't even live in North Richmond!

Upon receiving us, Jessie Smallwood directed us to the stools at the bar while the avaricious businessmen oinked in their comfortable seats, we know that all of the people there weren't oinking.

The aliens began to feel uneasy about the fact that real people from the ghetto were there, so as not to interfere with their digestion, we split and left them to wallow in their madness.

After seeing "Neighborhood" House's practice, we must make an objective conclusion: Jessie Smallwood and all her bootlicking, crumb taking, her selling out of the peoples principles are definitely not designed to serve the people. In fact, what they are in North Richmond for, is for the specific purpose of undermining the peoples just struggle. "Neighborhood" House is not here to show the people correct methods of how to obtain their basic desires and needs.

We (Eddie Denton and myself) talked to many people in the community and they are saying that Jessie Smallwood and the "Neighborhood" House can take their $92,000 gift from the government and stick it up their motherf--king a--es!!

The "Neighborhood" House is functioning just like all the rest of the federally subsidized programs, that is to buy off potential revolutionary forces by giving them appeasement in the form of O.J.T. (on the job training) Jessie Smallwood is saying that we can have part of the pie, but we can't have what we are entitled to land, bread, housing, education, clothing, jusitce and peace. Jessie Smallwood and her clique are gonna' have ta come on down with the people or get to steppin!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE HUEY
FREE BOBBY
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
SEIZE THE TIME

Daoud
Black Panther Party,
Richmond Branch

# ASSASSINATION LIST — A LIE

There is a purported assassination list allegedly compiled by the Milwaukee Branch of the B.P.P. This list is supposed to be comprised of the local avaricious businessmen.

These local avaricious businessmen have been told by the representatives of the Milwaukee City government that there is a move a foot by the Milwaukee Panthers to assassinate them.

Let me say..." That there is no such list and never has been one. This is just another plot by the reactionary, fascist racist pig power structure to incarcerate some more of the people's servants!

The role of the B.P.P. plays in the Black Community is by serving the needs of the people. Not through reactionary actions like that of the pig power structure. But by recognizing the peoples needs and meeting them head on!

This is an example of the demagogy and terror employed by the pig power structure as exemplified in the arrest of the New York 21 and Conn. 8.

The reason this press conference was called, because we were availed to this information prior to any such arrest. We would like the people to be informed so that in the event any such arrest should take place, they would be aware that it is another genocidal attack against the People eration Party. Being conducted by th fascist pig power structure.

The B.P.P. and its members are servants of the people and educators of the masses. Not gangland mad-dog assassinators.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Nate Bellamy
Lt. of Information

# PANTHERS AND PEACE-NICS

Dr. Benjamin Spock's tone of national prominence has changed from baby doctor to an elightened fighter against imperialism. during his speech at the National Liturgical Conference Spock made several references to the correlations between racism and capitalism; capitalism and imperialism; the military-industrial complex and the unjust war being waged against the Vietnamese people.

After elaborating on the war in Vietnam Spock went on to state his reason for seeing the need and committment of the Black Panther Party. "The Black Panther Party represents the oppressed people of this country". He further advised the audience of approx. 3500 to seek projects relevant to the masses.

Previous to his speech the Capt. of Defense Dakin Gentry and Field Lt. Felix Welch had made a presentation.

Captain Dakin gave a brief run down on the purpose of the Party and an explanation of the saying ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. He also related to the audience how racism is perpetuated by the present system. Upon hearing this the crowd grew more and more enthusiastic.

The local chapter of the National Committee to Combat Fascism was briefed by Felix, with a more elaborate explanation of the petitions for Decentralization of the Police to follow. The audience then understood all of the whys for this move and responded favorably.

From this one gathering we can see more people are becoming aware of the desperate situation in this country and are seeking out the Vanguard for the answers. It is our function to continue to educate the people, that they may purge this country of its decadent system of exploitation.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Jaki

*CONT. FROM LAST WEEK*

# Pig O,Brien.. "I want to kill a nigger so goddamned bad I can taste it!"

# HE killed George Baskett.

The CRU worked with blacks, Latinos, Orientals and, eventually, the hippies of the Haight-Ashbury. Not only "community leaders" but the "brothers on the block" came to welcome them as friends.

Inside the department, however, things were not going as well. Cahill continued to defend CRU against outside criticism, but privately his support turned lukewarm and then cool. Many observers claim that the chief was responding to pressures from below. One says flatly: "Chief Cahill doesn't run the department. The Police Officers Association does." And most of the police force hated the CRU.

Lieutenant Andreotti had little trouble personally, but his staff caught hell—"commie-relations department" and "nigger-lovers" were the most common terms. Andreotti's troubles came on another level, with the station captains and with "downtown." There were four black officers in the unit and when Andreotti asked for more blacks, Cahill refused, saying there were too many in the unit already. A neighborhood community relations committee held a Christmas party, and Andreotti invited the entire force; not one cop showed up.

Andreotti is quick to point out that it wasn't just his fellow cops. The mayor never came to a community relations meeting. A form letter to 4500 members of a merchants' association, regarding summer jobs for blacks, got no jobs, summer or otherwise; the same plea on TV brought only hate mail.

In September of 1966, a San Francisco policeman shot and killed an unarmed fifteen-year-old black, Matthew Johnson, who was running from a stolen car. A wave of anger swept through the Hunter's Point ghetto and the surrounding area. The cops and National Guardsmen, riot-alerted that year, swept along outer Third Street, the neighborhood's principal artery, turning a minor disturbance into a "riot." There was a lot of shooting—almost all of it by cops at unarmed people—but no one was killed except Johnson.

It would undoubtedly have been far worse had it not been for the CRU people who rushed to the scene and the "cool it" work of several groups of young people with whom the mayor's office had been maintaining contact (one youth had just succeeded in calming and turning back an angry group of blacks when a police bullet hit him in the back). Still, to the nation's press it was a "riot," and Big Red Cahill was furious. "I'll know how to handle this situation the next time," he stormed to Andreotti. "After all I did for those people! I was the only police chief in the country without a riot! They spoiled my record!"

IN AUGUST 1967, ANDREOTTI RETIRED from the police department after 27 years of service. He retired because he felt the community relations program was being undermined, and because he felt he could no longer be effective in a "general white-racist atmosphere." Andreotti now works for the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Department of Justice. Thinking back to the John Birch Society literature he saw on some station house bulletin boards in San Francisco, and the big picture of the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan labeled "Our Hero" which he observed in at least one precinct, he now says, "Our war was with the police department."

Andreotti's own experience convinced him that "the majority of police opposed the concepts of equal opportunity in housing, education and employment long before civil disorders and violence struck our cities." When these disorders did erupt, as in the Hunter's Point incident of 1966, the police response was to use the occasion as an excuse to expand their forces. Thus in the wake of the police killing of Matthew Johnson, Cahill persuaded then San Francisco Mayor John Shelley to allow the creation of a Tactical Squad, an "elite" group of troubleshooters with training in judo and karate—but not in community relations.

Another good index of the change in priorities in the police department is provided by Los Angeles' recently resigned police chief, Tom Reddin, who says Cahill told him that "a few years ago, 95 per cent of our intelligence work used to go towards combatting organized crime. Now, 95 per cent of our intelligence work is in civil rights and riots." No wonder J. Edgar Hoover thinks that "Tom Cahill is one of the finest police chiefs in this country."

Cahill would never admit it, but he probably owes his job and whatever prestige he has to Dan Andreotti. Andreotti made Cahill and the SFPD nationally known for "community relations" work. A President's commission praised the department for opening "new communication channels with community segments never before considered 'reachable.' " Cahill was rewarded with a vice presidency in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), which is one of those outfits in which the various officers all move up one notch each year. This past September, the same month in which George Baskett was shot, Cahill moved to the presidency of the organization.

Even his vice presidency in the IACP might not have saved Cahill's job back in 1963-64, when John Shelley was elected mayor of San Francisco and wanted to replace Cahill. Cahill, who needed four more years to be eligible for a police chief's pension, asked Andreotti to go to black community leaders and seek their support for his efforts to stay on as chief. "For two or three years there was wonderful rapport between the blacks and the police department," Andreotti said. "The police weren't shooting at people, and they weren't getting shot at. Cahill was going along with the liberal, even the radical ideas the Community Relations Unit came up with. I went to the black leaders and told them the chief was learning more about race relations every day. They went along with Cahill. As soon as Cahill got his 25 years in, in 1967, he began to emasculate the police Community Relations Unit. We were taken."



GEORGE BASKETT MURDERED

[WHO POLICES THE POLICE?]

JOSEPH ALIOTO IS A CLASSIC BIG CITY MAYOR in the liberal Democratic tradition. (The Christian Science Monitor has referred to him as "Lindsay West.") He sticks firm with the regulars and went to Chicago to second Hubert Humphrey's nomination at the convention last year. Alioto relies on the liberal political base of ethnic consensus, and is therefore profoundly threatened by being held accountable for gratuitous, racially provocative police violence. Yet here, as in other American cities caught in a rising spiral of urban violence, the liberal politicians have increasingly lost control over the police, who have emerged as a formidable, vindictive and independent political power. This was made clear in New York when the police dealt a crushing blow to the review board proposal backed by political leaders from Lindsay to Jacob Javits and Bobby Kennedy, defeating it by two to one in a city-wide referendum campaign heavy with racism. For Alioto, the aggressive power of the police has made it increasingly difficult to pull together the team of ethnic constituencies that he hopes to ride to the governorship and beyond.

Two things of importance happened in the San Francisco Police Department during 1967, the year of Alioto's election. Dante Andreotti quit. And a few days after the election, Chief Cahill signed his General Order 105, creating the Tac Squad in its present Mace-carrying, paramilitary form as the department's super-bullies.

Actually, it was the liberal Alioto who gave the green light to the new special forces. As a member of Alioto's family explained it afterwards to one reporter: "When my uncle got elected last November he thought he needed to take advantage of the contacts he had built up within the department over the years. He knew he could cause a split in the 'Irish Mafia' that controlled the cops because he had several good friends, from college and all, who were on his side, but what he had to do was create a public climate within the department that would be favorable to him. So he gave the go-ahead to Cahill both to stay on as chief, and to remake the Tactical Squad into the kind of a thing the other cops would really dig. This would not only give him good entrée to the cops but would solidify the Republicans and right-wingers in the city behind him as mayor." It wasn't until a city-wide newspaper strike began in January 1968, that the squad got its real chance to practice.

The first opportunity was a demonstration outside the Fairmont Hotel, on top of Nob Hill, on the occasion of a speech inside the hotel by then Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Demonstrators threw bags of blood at the hotel and some of them were prepared to be arrested. But no one was ready for the club-swinging, head-cracking police riot that followed.

We shall forego description; you have read such descriptions before. Let us merely say that this was a bad one, and there are several lawsuits pending from that night.

Alioto, who had only television to contend with, said that he didn't believe there was any police brutality and characterized the demonstrators as "neofascist storm troopers."

The abandoned behavior of the Tac Squad was a clear projection of the mayor's political strategy with the police: to consolidate his base by winning them over (from Cahill) with a free hand and a blanket endorsement.

A few weeks later the Tac Squad struck again, this time in the Haight-Ashbury, where they simply ran a "sweep" of Haight Street and beat the hell out of everybody in sight, young or old, male or female, hippie or straight, including a few undercover cops and a couple of reporters.

Alioto was again quick to defend the marauding forces against irresponsible charges of police brutality. Having resolved to replace Cahill, he was getting ready to make his move. In August, the mayor had Terry Francois, a black member of the Board of Supervisors who is a close political ally of his, float a trial balloon. With Alioto out of town for a speech, Francois, acting mayor for the period, publicly stated that Tom Cahill should be replaced. The outcry from San Francisco's prominent and politically powerful business interests was strong enough for Alioto to hear all the way in New York, where he was speaking. On top of that, about 15 top men in the police department, all Cahill appointees, threatened to quit. (Patronage is a prime source of the police chief's power. All inspectors, and the commanding officers of stations, units and bureaus in the San Francisco Police Department serve by the appointment of the chief.)

The rank and file Police Officers Association was also unhappy and made its views known. What the thoughts of the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco were on the matter is not known, but since that body is thought to have a veto power over who actually heads the police department, it is assumed that Alioto heard plenty. In any case, his trial balloon collapsed, and no more criticism of Cahill was heard from City Hall.

So by late September 1968, when Patrolman O'Brien and George Baskett squared off—gun to wooden stick—in Brush Place, Cahill was firmly in command of the police and the police were beyond mayoral reproach. When two Tac Squad officers went berserk in San Francisco's Mission District earlier in the month, and a commission of inquiry was called, it was Alioto who made certain that the commission did not lay the ground for a police review board. No one could have been more satisfied by the mayor's performance than Cahill, who two years earlier, in a tirade before the San Francisco Press Club, proclaimed: "The day this town has a police review board, I'll quit. The police department can investigate any charges of malpractice against a policeman."

[AFTERMATH]

MICHAEL O'BRIEN WAS FREED ON MARCH 20. On March 30, Patrolman Gerald Roberts, with his gun drawn, chased Alvert Joe Linthcome into a record shop, erroneously suspecting him of stealing a car. Linthcome's younger sister, who was standing outside the store, screamed at Roberts, "Don't shoot him, please, don't shoot him."

Linthcome, black, nineteen, and unarmed, turned around and put his elbows on the counter behind him. Roberts stepped into the doorway and killed him. The police, and ultimately the coroner, said it was justifiable homicide. Patrolman Roberts said, "I thought he had a gun."

John L. Brennan, attorney for the Linthcome family, has been denied permission to see the police report on the case. Elmo E. Ferrari, president of the civilian Police Commission, told him: "I'm sure Chief Cahill will give you all the documents he thinks you should have. . . . We'll leave this in the chief's good hands."

The polarization deepens at all levels. The mayor courts the backlash by spewing hysteria about the Black Panthers: he informs a Presbyterian group that the Panthers' ten-point program calls for "robbing and raping." The police raid the Panther office in force, on the pretext of a sound permit violation, sparking a near riot in the angry neighborhood that is quelled, according to reporters, only by the Panthers themselves. The mayor is not impressed: "The young men who did react so quickly and so well were probably mistaken for Panthers."

A group called Officers for Justice is formed representing nearly all of the city's 78 black policemen—the highest ranking blacks are two sergeants, the total police force is 1800—as an alternative to the white Police Officers Association. The new group cheers Reverend Cecil Williams when he calls the POA "the most racist organization we have in San Francisco." The businessmen's Downtown Association on the other hand cosponsors with the POA a testimonial dinner for O'Brien's attorney, Jake Ehrlich.

One black policeman, Robert Jeffrey, on the force for more than four years, resigned four days after George Baskett was killed, saying, ". . . I can no longer be the recipient of this hatred and outright prejudice. . . . I can no longer go forth into the community and tell the people of the ghetto areas that everything is all right if we just wait a little longer."

A few years ago in the South, blacks refusing any longer to wait and trust in the white man's justice to protect them, armed and organized themselves into the Deacons for Defense. Northern liberals, convinced that no other channel of justice existed for the black man in the South, reluctantly accepted this. Now they must face the fact that if the liberal cities of the North are going to practice Mississippi justice, a similar response from northern blacks may have to be accepted as well.

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# HUEY'S APPEAL

EDITOR'S NOTE:
The following article is taken from the appeal prepared by the attorneys defending Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party. Huey's attorneys have moved to have the case reviewed by the Court of Appeals of the State of California. The Black Panther News Paper will print the appeal in part--every week to give the people all the facts as to why Huey P. Newton should be set free immediately.

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The peremptory challenge is intended to secure a fair, not a biased, jury. The purpose of prohibitions against systematic exclusion of Negroes in the selection of the panel is subverted if the prosecution is permitted to reach the goal of the non-representative jury through the peremptory challenge. Verdicts are delivered by juries, not by panels. Due to the operation of the other selection processes discussed, supra, the prosecutor knew that it was statistically possible for him to exclude all Negroes from the jury. He did in fact exclude all poor black persons from the jury. He did in fact exclude all persons who were members of the ghetto sub-culture described by Professor Blake (R.T. 3336-75 and see map in sub-section 1, g, this section).

In 1965, prior to the Kerner Commission findings, a majority of the United States Supreme Court, in Swain v. Alabama, 380 U.S 202, 85 S.Ct. 824 (1965), refused to reverse a conviction on grounds that the peremptory challenge had been abused by the prosecution in order to exclude Negroes from the trial jury.

Discussing the peremptory challenge as a means to exclude Negroes from juries, Justice White stated, in, the opinion of the Court (380 U.S. at 224):

> "If the State has not seen fit to leave a single Negro on any jury in a criminal case, the presumption protecting the prosecutor may well be overcome. Such proof might support a reasonable inference that Negroes are excluded from juries for reasons wholly unrelated to the outcome of the particular case on trial and that the peremptory system is being used to deny the Negro the same right and opportunity to participate in the administration of justice enjoyed by the white population. These ends the peremptory challenge is not designed to facilitate or justify."

But the record was found, by the majority, to be silent on the prosecutor's participating in striking Negroes from the juries in Talladega County, Alabama, from which the case arose. The record here shows that the prosecution in Alameda County had, very recently prior to this case, in People v. Smith, supra, participated in what Judge Phillips found to be a conscious elimination of all Negroes from a jury (R.T. 1326).

Even the Swain majority acknowledged that "there is nothing in the Constitution of the United States which requires the Congress (or the States) to grant peremptory challenges" (quoting from Stilson v. United States, 250 U.S. 583, 586, 40 S.Ct. 28, 30, at 380 U.S 219).

A closely divided Court held the record insufficient to establish abuse of the peremptory in Swain. Mr. Justice Goldberg, with who the Chief Justice (Warren) and Mr. Justice Douglas joined, entered a vigorous dissent; Mr. Justice Harlan concurred in the result but emphasized his understanding that the Court reserved and did not decide the question which it found not presented by the record in the case; Mr. Justice Black concurred only in the result anddidnot join in the majority opinion.

Mr. Justice Goldberg could not agree that the record was silent as to the "State's involvement in the total exclusion of Negroes from jury service in Talladega County" (380 U.S. at 233), and further stated (at 239, 241):

> "The Court's jury decisions, read together, have never distinguished between exclusion from the jury panel and exclusion from the jury itself. Indeed, no such distinction can be drawn. The very point of all these cases is to prevent that deliberate and systematic discrimination against Negroes or any other racial group that would prevent them, not merely from being placed upon the panel, but from serving on the jury.35

FOOTNOTE

35. See also the dissent of Judge Edgerton in Hall v. United States, 168 F.2d 161 (D.C. Cir. 1948), cert den 68 S.Ct. 1509.

The history of peremptory challenge and the decisions of almost all courts which have considered the relative standing of the rights of the accused and of the prosecution to peremptory challenge, show clearly that the peremptory challenge is not an equal right to the accused and the prosecution, but that the accused's right is more fundamentally bottomed in his right to a fair trial and designed to "(effectuate) the right to trial by an impartial jury." Carroll v. State, 190 So. 437, 139 Fla. 233 (1939); Meade v. State, 85 So. 2d 613 (Fla. 1956, 59 A L.R 2d 835); and see also, People v. Diaz, supra, 105 C.A.2d at 695.

In State v. Thompson, 68 Ariz. 386, 206 P.2d 1037 (1949), the court stated that peremptory challenges are purely legislative in origin, but the right is still substantive rather than merely procedural, and should be fully enforced as an aid to securing an impartial jury for the accused.

In Commonwealth v. Evans, 212 Pa. 369, 61 A. 989 (1905), the court said that the peremptory challenge:

> "...is one which the law in its humanity gives to an accused, to be exercised by him without giving or being able to give any reason why the juror should not serve. This challenge excluded a juror on what may be merely the whim of the accused, so great is the law's concern that he shall be tried only by those against whom he does not have even a capricious prejudice." 61 A. at 989.

At common law, the right of the accused to peremptory challenges in capital cases has been spoken of as "one of the most important rights secured to the accused." Frazier v. United States, 335 U.S. 497, 69 S.Ct. 201 (1948), footnote 11; Pointer v. United States, 151 U.S. 396, 14 S.Ct. 410 (1893).

The prosecution did not have the right of peremptory challenge at common law. Although the Crown had an unlimited right of peremptory challenge in the very early days of jury trials, this right was completely abolished by the statute of 33 Edward I (1305), and was not a part of the common law immediately prior to the revolutionary period, nor when the United States Constitution was adopted. See 50 C.J.S., Juries, section 280 (C2); United States v. Marchant, 12 Wheat. 480, 6 L. Ed. 700 (1827); 35 C.J., page 407, notes 76-78.

Even before the prerogative of the Crown to peremptory challenges was abolished, it was not a right of the common law but a prerogative of the sovereign i.e., "that power, pre-eminence or privilege which the King hath and claimeth over and beyond other persons and above the ordinary course of the common law in right of his crown."Jacob's Law Dictionary; Attorney General v. City of Eau Claire, 47 Wis. 400.

The House of Representatives of the First Congress of the United States sent to the Senate in 1789, the following draft of the proposed amendment relating to jury trials in criminal cases:

> "The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, and in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger, shall be by an impartial jury of the vicinage, with the right of challenge and other accustomed requisited..." (Journal of the First Session of the Senate of the United States (New York 1789) 103, 106, Gaz. U.S. August 29, 1789)

Thus, it is clear that when the Bill of Rights was drafted and adopted, the right of the accused to challenge was regarded as an "accustomed requisite" of an impartial jury, and the prosecution's later legislative and statutory right to peremptory challenge is not such a requisite, nor is it an equal right with that of the accused.

During the many debates in the several states in the mid-nineteenth century on the issue of whether the jury had the right to judge and determine the law as well as the facts, it was proposed, for the first time in several states, that the prosecution be given the right to peremptory challenge to mitigate the difficulties of getting convictions where public sentiment was against them.

Addressing himself to this question in the Kentucky Debates on jury provisions, William D. Mitchell expressed what was apparently "basic law" in that state and against the strong opinion that the criminal law in Kentucky had become a farce, bribery and emotionalism determining the results. To combat this democratization of the jury, there were serious attempts to grant the prosecution the right of peremptory challenge, defeated 55-30. (Kentucky Constitutional Convention of 1849, Debates 1085, 693-94, 91-92, 675)

A proposed amendment to deal with what the prosecution thought were similar difficulties in Maryland by giving the states the same right to peremptory challenge jurors as the accused had was defeated 42-25. (I Debates and Proceedings of Maryland Convention 191 (1851))

Although the prosecution's statutory right to peremptorily challenge in criminal cases is less than essential to a fair trial, there is no claim that the mere exercise of a peremptory challenge denies defendants any rights. What is urged here is that the district attorney did not truly exercise the peremptory challenge, but systematically eliminated all black people but the one he felt it necessay to gamble on in view of the decision in People v. Smith, supra.

END FOOTNOTE

> "Finally, the Court's reasoning on this point completely overlooks the fact that the total exclusion of Negroes from juries in Talladega County results from the interlocking of an inadequate venire selection system, for which the State concededly is responsible, and the use of peremptory challenges."

The record was further beclouded in Swain by evidence of Negro defendants and attorneys desiring to eliminate Negro jurors and at times entering into agreements with the prosecution to accomplish this.

The individual and community interests which are served by fair jury selection depend upon adherence to the principle of nondiscrimination throughout the selection process. The Fourteenth Amendment is concerned with the composition and impartiality of the jury itself, not simply of the venire.

If the prosecutor may reasonably suppose that the Negro juror may be sympathetic to the Negro defendant, by the same token it must be assumed that a white jury may be sympathetic to the white victim; thus, when the prosecutor challenges a Negro to get a white juror in his place, he does not eliminate prejudice in exchange for neutrality, he secures a friendly juror in place of a hostile one. The state is thus not playing a neutral role but taking advantage of racial divisions to the detriment of the defendant. It cannot be consistent with equal protection and the principle of fair jury selection to permit the state to eliminate one element in the population deemed friendly to the defense in favor of another presumably hostile in precisely those cases where this disadvantages members of the minority race.

Then, how much more effective is the practice--from the prosecution's point of view--and how devastating the inequality of permitting the prosecutor to do so where a black ghetto is surrounded by white suburbs and there are essentially two separate communities in the country. (See map in subsection 1, g, in this section.) and testimony of Hunter, Blauner, Blake and Dizard, and the defendant cited, supra, on the differences and tensions between white and black communities.

If the particular use of the peremptory conflicts with constitutional requirements, the latter must prevail. The state cannot constitutionally promote the objective of juries racially biased against the defense, at least in those areas where Negroes are a disfavored minority element in the population. Reitman v. Mulkey, supra, 387 U.S. 369, 87 S.Ct. 1627.

The injury caused here by the systematic exlusion of all Negroes but one extends to the jury system, to the law as an institution, to the community at large, and to the democratic ideal reflected in the processes of our courts. Ballard v. United States, 329 U.S. 187, 67 S.Ct. 261 (1946).

The 1961 Report of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Justice (No. 5 at page 97), states of the law of jury exclusion that "the first consitutional theory has to do with the right to serve on a jury." The exclusion here violates the public policy of California and the United States. See James v. Marinship, 25 Cal. 2d 721 (1944).

As black population increases, the states are increasingly compelled to use sources of lists which have some Negroes upon them, and the peremptory challenge becomes the last (along with excuse for opposition to capital punishment) and effective procedure in the arsenal of discriminatory devices. See, e.g., Sims v. State, 221 Ga. 190, 144 S.E. 2d 103 (1965), rev'd on other ground sub nom Sims v. Georgia, 389 U.S. 404, 88 S.Ct. 523 (1967); State v. Barksdale, 247 La. 198, 170 So. 2d 374 (1964), cert den 382 U.S. 921, 86 S.Ct. 297 (1965); State v. Anderson, supra, 206 La. 986, 20 So. 2d 288 (1944); State v. Logan, 344 Mo. 351, 126 S.W. 2d 256 (1939); and People v. Smith, supra.

Prior to each of the cited southern cases, the selection of jurors in the jurisdiction was found discriminatory, and convictions were reversed. The Kerner Commission findings and the California vote on Proposition 14 preclude any argument which ipso facto distinguishes the southern cases.

In Oakland, Alameda County, California, in 1968, use of the peremptory challenge by the prosecution was found, on the basis of the demographic facts and the reality of relations between the black and white communities of the county, to violate federally protected rights of the defendants under the equal protection and due process clauses of the Federal Constitution.

These black and white communities were further polarized between the time of the issuance of the opinion in People v. Smith, supra, and the picking of the trial jury herein, by publicity36 preceding and surrounding the trial. It was prejudicial error to deny the motion for mistrial on grounds of total exclusion of defendant's peers and of conscious exclusion of all but a token Negro from the jury.



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## Black Panther Party Platform and Program

# What We Want What We Believe



**FREE HUEY**

*Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party*

**1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.**

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

**2. We want full employment for our people.**

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

**3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.**

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

**4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.**

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

**5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.**

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

**6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.**

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

**7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.**

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

**8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.**

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

**9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury ~~of their peer group or people from their black communities~~, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.**

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

**10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.**

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and unsurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**



# RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

## CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA..

**Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.**

**Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.**

**THE RULES ARE:**

**1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.**

**2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.**

**3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.**

**4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.**

**5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.**

**6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.**

**7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.**

**8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.**

**9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.**

**10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.**

**11. Party Communications must be National and Local.**

**12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.**

**13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.**

**14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.**

**15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.**

**16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.**

**17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.**

**18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.**

**19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.**

**20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.**

**21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.**

**22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.**

**23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.**

**24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.**

**25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.**

**26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.**


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